

MMA: Mandatory medicine price display policy yet to be finalised and gazetted



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THE Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) has raised questions about the government's policy requiring general practitioner (GP) clinics to display medicine prices, which is scheduled to take effect tomorrow but has yet to be finalised and gazetted.

MMA president Dr Kalwinder Singh Khaira said the policy cannot be implemented yet, despite pamphlets containing frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the move being circulated during an advocacy session in February, as enforcement can only begin once the policy is formally gazetted and published by the authorities.

“No implementation details have been communicated so far, and until the gazettment is complete, clinics are not obligated to comply,” he said as quoted by a media portal today.

On April 18, Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) Minister Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali said the draft order to mandate price displays at private healthcare facilities from May 1 was still under review by the Attorney General’s Chambers.

The Federation of Private Medical Practitioners’ Associations Malaysia has also questioned the involvement of KPDN in regulating GP clinics, which are usually overseen by the Health Ministry (MOH).

Dr Kalwinder further expressed concern over the application of the Price Control and Anti-profiteering Act 2011 in the healthcare sector, stating that there had been no engagement with MMA or other stakeholders.

He urged GPs not to succumb to pressure to display medicine prices until the policy is officially gazetted, warning that any attempt to enforce it prematurely would be both unreasonable and unjust. — *TMR*