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HEALTH PRACTITIONERS (TELEMEDICINE PROHIBITION) REGULATIONS 2019

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Cabinet makes the following Regulations under section 16 of the *Health Practitioners Act 1999*:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Health Practitioners (Telemedicine Prohibition) Regulations 2019*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations come into effect on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

3 Interpretation

In these Regulations:

'hospital' means the Republic of Nauru hospital including the public health centres and clinics;

'referral' is the process by which the hospital, a health practitioner or a health service provider acting reasonably and prudently is of the opinion that additional expertise or differently resourced facility may be required to assess or treat a clinical condition of a patient by providing:

- (a) a specialised opinion based on clinical and other diagnostic records or provision of a laboratory specimen;
- (b) a specialised health or medical service;
- (c) admission, management and treatment to seek an expert opinion regarding the patient; or
- (d) other diagnostic or therapeutic treatment;

'resident of Nauru' includes a citizen and any other person residing in Nauru in accordance with the laws of the Republic, but excludes temporary entrants under the Immigration Regulations 2014 for a period not exceeding 30 days;

'telemedicine' means the practice of health and medicine using any form of telecommunications, electronic audio and video communications or any other means of communication between a health practitioner outside the jurisdiction of the Republic and a patient, who is a resident of Nauru.

4 Prohibition on the practice of telemedicine

- (1) Subject to regulation 6, no person shall practice or provide health and medical services by telemedicine to a resident of Nauru.