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### **GUIDANCE ON THE USER FEES FOR CT-SCAN SERVICES**

As you are aware, in addition to the existing CT scans in the National Referral Hospitals, the Ministry of Health has installed CT scans in all the Regional Referral Hospitals. However, these machines require a considerable amount of money to operate in terms of consumables and repairs, and maintenance. Moreover, this is against the background of inadequate funding to the Health Sector.

Therefore, to ensure sustainability and minimal service interruptions, it is important that a modest fee is charged for these services. I am cognizant that some hospitals had already instituted some charges. However, there is no uniformity in the fees charged by the various Hospitals. It is, essential that the fees charged are harmonized across all the hospitals. Please note that these collections are meant to help your respective hospitals to meet the cost of consumables and repair as well as maintenance of the CT scans.

In view of the above, following consultations with the stakeholders, I wish to communicate the harmonized user fees for CT services, both for children and adults as below:

1. Non-contrast Procedures - UGX 120,000
2. Contrast Procedures - UGX 150,000

I take note that some of the facilities offer specialized CT investigations. In that case, such facilities should not charge more than UGX 200,000 per procedure. As Accounting Officers, you are reminded to handle these collections in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

With regards to interpreting the images, you are advised to utilize the services of our consultants at Mulago National Referral Hospitals as we build capacity in all the facilities with CT scan machines. This will help in ensuring that our patients do not have to incur extra expenses to interpret the images.

  
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