

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF**

**LATVIA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF**

**AZERBAIJAN**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE**

**AND MEDICAL SCIENCE**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter named “the Parties”,

wishing to develop bilateral cooperation in the field of healthcare and medical science,

recognizing the role of cooperation for improving the health of population,

following the principles of international law,

have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1**

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of healthcare and medical science, following the principles of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with national legislation of both states and taking into account their international obligations.

## **Article 2**

The Parties shall develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the following areas:

- 1) Healthcare services (creation of market of medical services, development of primary health care and specialized medical services, implementation of new medical technologies, assistance and mutual cooperation in the case of risk of spreading diseases);
- 2) Exploration of possibilities for joint projects on priority topics and issues in the field of health and medical science, encouragement of research publication in indexed journals, as well as identification of opportunities for potential exchanges of students and teachers;
- 3) Training of scientific and pedagogical personnel on the basis of mutually agreed qualification requirements, their professional development, and retraining;
- 4) Registration and certification of medical devices;
- 5) Registration and quality control of medicines;
- 6) Cooperation between medical educational institutions, including academic exchange programs and joint scientific

activities, development of fundamental scientific and applied research in experimental, clinical and preventive medicine;

7) Economics of healthcare and medical science;

8) Management of information technologies within healthcare system, including implementation of e-health solutions;

9) Coordination in the area of control over spreading of communicable diseases, management of infectious diseases, prevention of infections in medical institutions and infection control;

10) Coordination in the field of quality of medical services; exchange of experience in the following directions: a) provision of electronic accountability for medical services provided to the insured in order to ensure digitalization of healthcare; b) health management; c) make proposals for the organization of insurance work in medical institutions; d) medical claims management; e) preparation of instructions on insurance rules for the use of medical institutions; f) development of methodologies for calculation of tariffs for medical services and conducting calculations; g) coding and international classifications of medical services; h) implementation of technical tasks in the hospital management program; i) evaluation of the activity of medical institutions; j) payment mechanisms and payment rules for medical services (Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG), Provider Payment Mechanism (PPM)).

### **Article 3**

The Parties shall implement Article 2 of this Agreement by means of mutual consultations, exchange of specialists and information,

organisation of symposiums and conferences, publication of monographs and articles, as well as other ways of cooperation as mutually agreed.

#### **Article 4**

The Parties shall encourage direct relations between medical educational and scientific institutions, healthcare facilities and other health system related public organisations of both states.

#### **Article 5**

The Parties shall promote exchange of information on congresses, conferences, exhibitions and other events in the field of healthcare and medical science of their respective countries.

#### **Article 6**

The expenditures related to the fulfilment of this Agreement provisions shall be covered by each Party in the limits of the available financial resources provided for in the respective field. The expenditures shall be agreed by the Parties on case - by - case basis.

#### **Article 7**

The amendments to this Agreement may be made by the mutual consent of the Parties through the protocols, which shall enter into force in accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement being an integral part of this Agreement.

## **Article 8**

Any disputes regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

## **Article 9**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. Either Party may, at any time, notify the other Party in a written form through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Agreement. The termination shall take effect 6 (six) months after the date of receipt of such a notification.

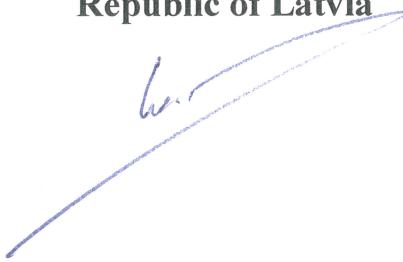
This Agreement is concluded for the period of five years and is automatically extended for successive periods of five years, unless one of the Parties gives the other Party a written notice to terminate this Agreement six months prior to its expiration.

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement between The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan and The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia on Cooperation in the fields of health and medical science, signed on 4 October 2006, shall be terminated.

Done at Riga on « 4 » December 2025, in two originals, in Azerbaijani, English, and Latvian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Ministry of  
Health of the  
Republic of Latvia**



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