

Government Asked To Review Proposal On Who Gets To Dispense Medicine
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 (Bernama) -- A backbencher has called on the government to review plans to separate the functions of clinics and pharmacies so as to ensure no one takes advantage to hike prices of pharmaceuticals.

Normala Abdul Samad (BN-Pasir Gudang) said based on the feedback she had received from doctors, the move would not benefit the people.

"Who will be laughing all the way to the bank. It is patients who will be the losers," she said when debating the motion of thanks for the royal address in the Dewan Rakyat today.

Under the current practice, doctors also dispense medicine but if the proposal is approved, only pharmacies will be allowed to do so.

Prior to this, Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam was reported as saying the matter has not been finalised and that the ministry was still gathering feedback from the stakeholders.

The Dewan sits again tomorrow.

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