

Health Ministry To Seek GST Exemption For Private Specialists

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GEORGE TOWN, April 5 (Bernama) -- The Health Ministry is in the process of seeking Goods and Services Tax (GST) exemption for private specialists who are not employees of hospitals.

Deputy Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Hilmi Yahaya said this was to prevent confusion as health services rendered to the final consumer were exempted from the tax system.

"We are working with the Finance Ministry and Customs Department on the matter," he told reporters after launching a Sustainable Environment Campaign at Penang National Park in Teluk Bahang here today.

He said the ministry was also awaiting exemption approval for 3,000 more types of medicines on top of more than 4,200 types medicines exempted under the National Essential Medicines List currently.

He said 120 types of medical equipment as well as more than 25,000 disposable items were also exempted from GST to assist the private health care sector reduce their cost of service.

Dr Hilmi also expressed his condolences to the family of Tan Sri Jamaluddin Jarjis who was killed with five other victims in a helicopter crash in Kampung Sungai Pening, Semenyih yesterday.

He described the demise of Jamaluddin who had served the nation well as a shock and a big loss to the country especially to the people of Rompin, Pahang.

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