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NATIONAL BIOETHICS COMMISSION
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ANNOUNCEMENT REFORMS TO THE GENERAL HEALTH LAW

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Derived from the publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation on January 15, 2026, of the *DECREE that amends, adds to and repeals various provisions of the General Law of Health*, which include updates to the work of the Committees that pertain to the Commission National Bioethics Committee (CONBIOETICA), called:

Bioethics Committee for Health Care (CBAS).

The CBAS Committee will be the equivalent of the previously named Hospital Committee of Bioethics CHB arises from the need for reflection and discussion activities Bioethics can be applied beyond the hospital setting. That is, to allow outpatient, community, and home-based healthcare settings to have a guiding structure that allows them to discuss bioethical issues that arise in primary health care.

Hospital institutions that already have a Bioethical Committee (CHB) will continue operating with the same structure and organization, providing support to clinical activities. This reform will facilitate the establishment of a Bioethical Committee (CBAS) within the organizational structure of outpatient, community, and home care facilities (which already exist but previously lacked access to review and discuss bioethical issues). Examples of such a committees include health districts or jurisdictions, home care programs for the elderly, people with disabilities, children, vaccination programs, etc. The modification of the relevant instruments is already underway.

regulations regarding the integration and operation of the Bioethics Committees for Health Care, which will be made known in due course.

Ethics and Research Committee (CEI).

The amendment to the LGS implies the integration of the Research Committee with the Committee of Research Ethics , in a single Committee, with the aim of improving the process of evaluating health research protocols, integrating scientific review

and their ethical review, as well as reducing approval time. This new

The Ethics and Research Committee will retain the acronym CEI for identification.

The recommendation is that the current members of the Research Committees be



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integrate the CEI of your institution (historically it is known that approximately two-thirds of existing Committees already work together).

CONBIOÉTICA is working on modifying the regulatory instruments regarding the integration and operation of the Ethics and Research Committees, which will be made known in due course.

For further reference, please consult the Decree at:

https://dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5778298&fecha=15/01/2026



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