



Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos México

Recommendation 24/2011

The following is a synopsis of the recommendation emitted by the CNDH. The complete version may be consulted on this institution's web page.

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Matter: The inadequate medical attention received by V1 and V2 at a Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS) hospital in Saltillo, Coahuila.

Authority Responsible: Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS)

Upon examining the evidence belonging to the investigation CNDH/1/2010/1599/Q (relating to the case of V1 and V2), in terms of the provisions made by article 41 of the Law of the National Commission of Human Rights, the CNDH found sufficient evidence of the violation of the right to healthcare and the right of life committed against V1 and V2 respectively. These violations have been attributed to the workers of the Zone 1 General Hospital, who practiced upon V1 an amniotomy with the sole purpose of expediting childbirth. No formal assessment was made regarding the situation prior to their acting upon it, quite clearly constituting medical negligence, with seemingly no sign indicating the need for such invasive measures. This move was coupled with the fact that the medical team failed to immediately administer the necessary antibiotics to V1, which would have reduced the risk of the mother to fetus ascending infection. This omission of course favored the possible development of infection, which the victim consequently suffered from. As a result, Recommendation 24/2011 was formulated.