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A PRESS RELEASE BY THE NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, RIVERS STATE BRANCH ON THE COMPULSORY TREATMENT AND CARE FOR VICTIMS OF GUNSHOTS BILL, 2021, ON FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Good afternoon gentlemen of the press, the Nigerian Medical Association been a formidable professional body committed to fostering effective and efficient healthcare delivery, high ethical standards and the interest of its members.

On Behalf of the State Officers Committee and the Members of NMA Rivers State, I want to, commend the executive Governor of Rivers State, His Excellency, Chief Barr. Nyesom Ezenwo Wike CON, GSSRS, POS (Africa) for assenting to the Bill for compulsory treatment and care for victims of gunshots.

His Excellency on Thursday 15/09/2022 signed a law making the treatment of gunshot victims mandatory in Rivers State.

This bill will improve on emergency response time and reduce morbidity and mortality indices in health facilities.

NMA Rivers is excited about this new bill and wishes to thank the Rivers State House of Assembly and particularly the House Committee Chairman on Health and all the members of the Medical Legislation and Relations committee of NMA Rivers State for their immense role in seeing this bill to this final stage.

As we commend this bold step, NMA as a responsible and noble organization will support the media sensitization and awareness campaigns and re-orientation of the public.

We also seek commitment from the Rivers State government to provide enabling environment for service delivery including emphasis on prompt and mandatory payment for services, employment and motivation of Doctors in state service to forestall the manpower deficit.

We sincerely appreciate His Excellency Sir Barr. Nyesom Wike for this bold step as one of the few states in Nigeria to domicile this Act.

Long Live NMA Rivers State!
Long Live the Rivers State!!

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