Fatwa No. (6773):

Q: There are many shaykhs in my country. When a person gets sick, they go to them. The Shaykhs recite Ayahs of the Qur'an and say: You have to bring a ram, an ox, a shecamel, or similar animals. All year long, people pay a lot of money just to go to them. Is this permissible or not?

A: Treating a patient by Ruqyah; reciting the Qur'an and formulae of Allah's remembrance or the formulae of supplications authentically reported by the Prophet (peace be upon him) is permissible. As for going to those mentioned to recite Ayahs and command a person to slaughter a ram or an ox, it is not permissible, because this is an innovational Ruqyah and an act of fraud. It may be a polytheistic act, if the slaughter is devoted to the Jinn, the dead, and the like to ward off evil or bring about benefit from them.

May Allah grant us success. Peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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