The fourth question of Fatwa no. 4086

Q 4: Is it permissible to recite Qur'an for an ill person seeking the reward of Allah (Exalted be He) or for a fee?

A: If it is intended for Ruqyah (reciting Qur'an and saying supplications over the sick seeking healing) then it is not only permissible, but it is also Mustahab (desirable) for the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Anyone among you who can benefit their brother let them do so.) Also, Ruqyah was practiced by the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his Sahabah (Companions, may Allah be pleased with them). However, it is preferred that no fee is involved, even though the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) confirms that it is permissible to be paid a fee. If, by such recitation, a person intends to gift its reward to the sick, this should not be done because it is not confirmed as valid in the sanctified Shari'ah (Islamic law) and the Prophet (peace be upon him) warned, saying:

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(Anyone who introduces anything into this matter of ours (Islam) that is not part of it will have it rejected.) (Agreed upon by Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

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