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Health & Family Welfare Department – Improvement of available hospital facilities – Instructions –Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (M) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

Department of Health & Family Welfare has undertaken Up-gradation of most of the hospitals under Health Services Department, provided additional manpower, additional equipment and additional funds to Hospital Development Societies (HDS) under State schemes and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). After providing these additional resources, Government expects that the hospitals should be able to provide better service to In-patients and Out-patients by fully utilizing the resources of the hospitals. The auxiliary services, which all the Taluk hospitals, District Hospitals, General Hospitals and Women and Children hospitals must provide are as follows :-

1. Laboratory services
2. X-ray services
3. Blood Bank/ Blood Storage
4. Ultra Sound Scanner services

2. In addition, the hospital should ensure that adequate cleaning, drinking water (using water purifier or reverse osmosis purifier), adequate seating facilities in Out-patient ward, shaded area outside Out-patient wards etc. are provided. All the toilets including in the In-patient ward and Out-patient ward must be renovated. Damaged cots should be repaired and all fully and partially damaged mattresses must be replaced, all the defective fans

and lights in the hospitals should be repaired. Cleanliness of the hospitals should be given top priority.

3. General Hospitals and District Hospitals must provide 24X7 services of X-Ray, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Blood Bank/Blood Storage and ECG. They should also provide for Ultra Sound Scanning services. Women and Children Hospitals must provide 24X7 services for Pharmacy, Blood Bank/Blood Storage, Laboratory and ECG. They should also Provide Ultra Sound Scanning services by providing training to Gynaecologists. Taluk Hospitals must provide X-ray, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Blood Storage and Ultra Sound Scanning and ECG at least till 5.00 PM and longer, if required, for this purpose, if required additional staff should be hired by HMCs using HMC/RSBY/NRHM funds.

4. In addition, Specialists like Anesthetist, Gynaecologist, Radiologist etc. if not available otherwise should be arranged on call.

5. Hospital Development Society (HDS) of the hospitals have been provided funds under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). They are also getting revenue from RSBY as well as from other hospital services. HDS funds should be utilized to the optimum to provide the above described facilities. Therefore sanction is accorded to open a separate account for RSBY should be maintained in the hospitals. Any expenditure from RSBY fund should be incurred by Superintendent of the concerned hospitals after taking approval of 3 member committee consisting of Superintendent, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) and Lay Secretary. Statement of Expenditure should be placed in the next Hospital Development Society (HDS) meeting. Sanction is accorded to authorize Superintendents of the concerned hospitals to incur minor expenditure for maintenance of toilets, urgent repair of buildings using local Engineers if required, without going through Public Works Department (PWD). For works up to Rs.20,000/- this could be done by inviting three Quotations and above Rs.20,000/- by open Tender. Sanction is accorded to open a separate account for RSBY. There would be no ceiling of 50% on establishment for funds in RSBY account. For funds in Hospital Development Society account the 50% ceiling for establishment expenditure is increased to

70% to enable them to hire additional technical staff to operate X-ray, Pharmacy, Blood Bank/Blood Storage, Laboratory, Ultra Sound Scanning etc.

6. Superintendents of the Hospital could incur expenditure for urgent repair of equipments, Cleaning of Hospital building & premises, minor purchases etc. A statement of expenditure on these items should be placed in the next meeting of Hospital Development Society. For the purpose of Incurring expenditure from Hospital Management Committee funds and RSBY funds, Superintendent of the Hospitals need not take any approval of DMO/DHS for technical sanction or administrative sanction and approval of Hospital Management Committee would be sufficient for all purposes. The existing delegation of powers of Superintendents are there fore modified.

7. Instructions as above shall be scrupulously followed by all concerned

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

- 1) The Director Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
- 2) The State Mission Director, NRHM, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 3) All District Medical Officers,
- 4) Superintendent of Taluk Hospitals /District Hospitals /General Hospitals/W&C Hospitals (Through DHS)
- 5) All District Programme Managers, NRHM.
- 6) Superintendent of Hospital Development Societies (Through DHS)
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