GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

ORDER

The COVID-19 pandemic is posing continuous threat to public health leading to a surge in hospitalization and causing increased financial burden on patients. Government of Haryana has been taking various measures to combat the pandemic. The State Govt. is making all efforts to make healthcare accessible to general public and providing free testing and treatment in Govt. hospitals across the State. However, the disparity in the charges across various private hospitals is hampering egalitarian and equal access for inpatient hospital care. Therefore, the rates of various facilities in private hospitals/ medical colleges need to be standardized for COVID-19 patients.

After going through the recommendations of the committee under Dr. V K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, taking into account the financial viability of the private hospitals and studying the precedents in other States like Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Telangana, the State Government, in exercise of the powers bestowed under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; directs that no private hospital/ medical college in the State of Haryana shall charge any amount in excess of those as prescribed in the table below, for the treatment of any COVID-19 patient:

Type of Hospital	Moderate Sickness Isolation beds (Including supportive care and oxygen)	Severe Sickness ICU without Ventilator care	Very Severe Sickness ICU with Ventilator care (Non-invasive/invasive)
JCI/NABH accredited (including Entry level NABH) Hospitals	10000/-	15000/-	18000/-

1. The prescribed rates shall be all inclusive as a package. The rates will include, but be not limited to, charges such as, all lab investigations, radiological diagnostics, monitoring charges, drugs, consumables including PPE/ masks/

gloves/ etc., Doctor's visit/consultation, Nursing care, physiotherapy, procedural charges (such as intubation, intra-arterial/ neck line, catheterization of all types, chest tube, splintage, cardioversion, Haemodialysis or bedside dialysis, echocardiography, etc.), transfusion of Blood & its components including Blood grouping & Cross match, deploying of equipment (such as alpha bed, infusion pump, multi-para monitors, intermittent pneumatic compression (IPC) devices, nebulisers, etc.), diet, etc., as per the National Guidelines for management of COVID-19. However, this will not include the experimental therapies (e.g. Ramdesivir, etc.).

- 2. The rates will include the costs of medical care of underlying co-morbid conditions including supportive care and cost of medications thereof, for the duration of care for COVID-19. Since many of the COVID-19 patients have conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular problems, etc. the charges for medical care of such co-morbidities will be a part of the package.
- 3. These rates shall apply to paediatric patients as well.
- 4. For pregnant women, costs of delivery (normal/C-section) and care of new born are **not** included in the package and may be charged by the hospital extra as per prevailing PMJAY rates of relevant packages.
- 5. The rates will not include the cost of COVID-19 diagnostic test(s) as well as IL-6 levels.
- 6. The hospital shall provide seamless and hassle free services to the patients suffering from COVID-19, shall extend all normal courtesies and facilitate admission/ treatment/ counselling of relatives/ discharge/ etc. to patients without any delay or denial of medical facilities.
- 7. The hospital shall not in any case compromise on the standards of treatment of the patients with COVID-19.
- 3. These orders are not applicable for the following categories:
 - a) The beneficiaries of PMJAY Ayushman Bharat (AB) scheme will avail treatment on cashless basis, as per the existing AB Scheme at every hospital, empanelled under the AB scheme.
 - b) The patients, who are not AB beneficiaries and are **referred by concerned**Civil Surgeon to notified COVID hospital will avail treatment on cashless basis. The COVID-19 hospital shall charge as per the package rates of

Ayushman Bharat scheme and submit bills against the provided treatment to the concerned Civil Surgeon, from where the patient has been referred.

- c) Persons having personal/family health insurance cover may avail treatment as per the terms & conditions of the individual policy.
- 4. It is clarified that all COVID beds shall be at fixed package rates subject to an upper limit of 60% of the total hospital bed capacity.

These orders are issued with the approval of competent authority and come into force with immediate effect, superseding previous orders issued vide order No. 2020/2PM-Pkg(COVID-19)/3567-3766 dated 23.03.2020 and No. 2020/2PM-Pkg(COVID -19)/6867-7066 dated 22.05.2020. Non-adherence to these orders may invoke penalty under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

Dated: 25.06.2020 Place: Chandigarh

(RAJEEV ARORA) Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana Health Department

Dated: 25.06.2020

To

Keepers of all private Medical Colleges/ Hospitals in Haryana, providing COVID-19 related treatment.

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1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana

- 2. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana (DMER)
- 3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana
- 4. Managing Director, HMSCL, Haryana
- 5. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Haryana
- 6. All the Deputy Commissioners of State
- 7. All the Civil Surgeons of State
- 8. PS to Hon'ble Health Minister, Haryana
- 9. PS to Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana (Health)

25.6.2020 **Director General Health Services** for: Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana Health Department