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Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bangalore, Dated 23.06.2020.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government recognizes that the State is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, already declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. A large number of persons affected by COVID-19 are in the need of treatment, which at present is being mainly provided by Public Health institutions (PHIs) and it has become imperative to involve private hospitals, nursing homes etc.,(herein after referred as Private Healthcare Providers(PHPs)) registered under KPME Act, in the treatment of such patients.

Whereas the National Health Authority in its Office Memorandum No. S-12015/20/2020-NHA(HN&QA), dated 04.04.2020 has directed to utilize codes available in the Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka (Ab-Ark) scheme for payments and has allowed the State to decide the cost of additional requirements like PPEs and other consumables that would add to the package rates.

Whereas a Committee headed by Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) was constituted by the Government vide G.O. No. Aakuka 197 (a) Aamuka 2020, dated 4.6.2020 with the mandate of submitting a proposal for fixing the package rates for the treatment of COVID-19 patients for General ward, HDU, ICU without ventilator and ICU with ventilator.

Whereas the Committee held many rounds of consultations with the Associations of private hospitals, chains of hospitals and other private hospitals and has submitted its report. The report of the Committee was placed before the Task Force Committee in their meeting held on 18.6.2020. The Task Force Committee after going through the package rates recommended obtaining Government approval for the rates suggested by the Committee. The Government has accepted the package rates suggested by the Committee.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in his capacity of Chairman of the State Executive Committee, under the Powers vested under Section 24(f) and Section 24(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issues the following orders to share the number of beds in private hospitals between Government referred and Private patients and to regulate the package rates to be charged by the PHPs for the treatment of Government referred COVID-19 patients and the Package rate ceiling for treating Private COVID-19 patients:

- (1) 50% of the beds in Private hospitals having facilities to treat COVID-19 patients shall be reserved for the treatment of patients referred by the public health authorities. This will -

include the HDU and ICU beds both with and without ventilator. The hospitals may utilize the remaining 50% of COVID beds for admitting COVID-19 patients privately.

(2) The following package rates inclusive of PPEs and other consumables shall apply for the treatment of COVID patients:

(a) Package rates for COVID-19 patients referred by the Public Health Authorities shall be as follows :

(1) General ward	-	Rs.5,200/-
(2) HDU	-	Rs.7,000/-
(3) Isolation ICU without ventilator	-	Rs.8,500/-
(4) Isolation ICU with ventilator	-	Rs.10,000/-

(b) Package rate ceilings for private COVID-19 patients directly admitted by PHPs making cash payment (non-insurance) shall be as follows

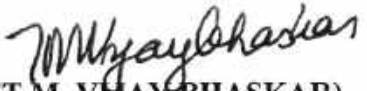
(1) General ward	-	Rs.10,000/-
(2) HDU	-	Rs.12,000/-
(3) Isolation ICU without ventilator	-	Rs.15,000/-
(4) Isolation ICU with ventilator	-	Rs.25,000/-

(3) The terms and conditions connected to the treatment of COVID-19 patients in the private hospitals shall be as follows:

- (i) These rates will not be applicable for the patients subscribing to insurance packages as well as for the agreements / MOUs entered into between the hospitals and the corporate entities.
- (ii) While calculating 50% of the beds to be utilized by the Government patients, the number will be counted irrespective of the fact that the beds are located in general wards, sharing wards or in private wards.
- (iii) The package rate ceilings for private patients are for General Wards / Multi Sharing Wards. An additional 10% may be charged for Twin Sharing Wards & 25% more for Single Rooms. There will be no ceiling for Suites.
- (iv) Requisitioning of hospitals for sending government patients will be done by Commissioner, BBMP in respect of BBMP area Bangalore Urban and Bangalore Rural Districts and Deputy Commissioners in respect of other districts.
- (v) In respect of unforeseen complications / surgeries / other co-morbid conditions / pregnancy etc., of the COVID-19 patients additional packages under AB-ArK packages will apply.
- (vi) The Clinical Treatment and Discharge protocols issued by the State Government from time to time shall be strictly followed.



- (vii) All the hospitals shall get empanelled through the online portal of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust with desktop review of statutory documents by the SAST on a fast forward basis.
 - (viii) Referral of a COVID -19 patient by a Public Health Authority will be treated as Auto Authorization by SAST.
 - (ix) All COVID-19 patients including those belonging to BPL and APL categories, migrant labourers and interstate returnees not possessing PDS card shall be considered as eligible in view of the unprecedented pandemic situation.
 - (x) There should be no compromise on the quality of medical services rendered to the patients referred by the Public Health Authorities and those admitted privately.
 - (xi) The Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust will be the Nodal Agency for the settlement of claims.
- (4) Non-compliance to this Order will attract punishment under the relevant Sections of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Indian Penal Code.
- (5) This order will be in operation until further orders.


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