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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue - CMRF – Assistance to working journalists for medical treatment on the lines of Aarogyasri- framing of modalities – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (CMRF) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.67

Date: 22 -1-2009

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.224, HM&FW (K2) Dept., dt.27-6-2008
2. G.O.Ms.No.1012 Revenue (CMRF) Dept., dt.12-8-2008.
3. G.O.Ms.No.868, Revenue (CMRF) Dept., dt.11-7-2008.

ORDER:

Government of Andhra Pradesh have launched community health insurance scheme by name Aarogyasri (Aarogyasri-I) in the state in a phased manner with effect from 1st April, 2007 in order to improve access of Rural people especially those living below poverty line to quality medical care. Since coverage of diseases under Aarogyasri-I was restricted a further list of 533 diseases were finalised for inclusion in Aarogyasri Scheme and named as Aarogyasri-II which was launched on 17th April, 2008 to enable many more BPL families to obtain cashless treatment of these additional diseases (389 surgical and 144 medical). Further the disease coverage under the scheme has been extended to 77 new procedures with effect from 14th November, 2008. Thus bringing the total number of diseases covered under Aarogyasri to 940. While the front end of both Aarogyasri-I & II schemes viz. network hospitals, Aarogyamitras, Health Cards etc., are one, pre-authorization and claim settlement for Aarogyasri-I scheme is done by the Insurance company, while for Aarogyasri-II, it is done by the Trust directly and funded from CM Relief Fund.

2. Several journalists and their Unions have been representing to the Government to formulate a scheme to provide medical treatment to journalists and their family members on the lines of Aarogyasri Scheme. Hon'ble CM during the 5th Governing council meeting of the Press Academy of AP on 3rd August, 2008 instructed that all the retired, working and accredited journalists would be covered under the Health Insurance Scheme. This issue was also discussed in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Aarogyasri Health Care Trust on 7th January, 2008 wherein it was decided to extend the scheme to accredited journalists of the State along with the regular scheme in a phased manner, after the issue of Health Cards to all the Journalists of the concerned districts.

3. Government after careful examination have decided to extend the scheme to all the journalists (working/retired) and their family members of the State along with the regular scheme in a phased manner, after the issue of Health Cards to all the Journalists of the concerned districts and the modalities for providing health coverage are worked out as follows:-

- (i) Spl. Commissioner, I & PR will first take steps to enumerate district wise all the journalists (working / retired) and their family members and get the iris photos and other family details as contained in the Declaration Form for obtaining pink cards in electronic format in CDs (compact discs). The DPL infrastructure available in the districts will be used for this purpose;
- (ii) Working journalists should have a minimum of three years of experience in the profession. Retired journalists have to furnish a copy of the ID card issued by the Organization where last worked and proof of date of birth along with the application.

- (iii) Only such journalists and their family members whose names and photos appear in the enumerated cards will be eligible to obtain medical treatment under the scheme.
 - (iv) The CDs containing data of the journalists and their family members will be sent by the Spl. Commr, I & PR to Aarogyasri Health Care Trust for generating 'health cards'. The cards will be coded with numbers specifically generated for the journalists and be distributed to them through the Spl. Commr, I&PR.
 - (v) On production of these cards, journalists and their family members will be eligible to receive cashless treatment in network hospitals across the State, on the same pattern as Aarogyasri patients. Choice of the hospital for treatment would be with the journalist concerned seeking treatment.
 - (vi) Journalists who are holding white cards are already automatically covered under Aarogyasri-I & II schemes and they will therefore, not be included under the new scheme. This is necessary to avoid duplication in payment for the same treatment.
 - (vii) The scheme will be implemented by the Trust directly. A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be signed by the Trust with the network hospitals for the implementation of the scheme.
 - (viii) The Network hospital to which the journalist or his family member approach for treatment shall admit the patient after verifying from Health Card issued by the Trust and after needed investigations work out the cost of the treatment as per the package rates approved for Aarogyasri- I & II and seek pre-authorization from the Trust office through its web portal.
 - (ix) The Aarogyasri Trust doctors shall examine the information furnished by the referral hospital and make recommendation to CM office for sanction of assistance from the CMRF in deserving cases.
 - (x) The assistance from Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the sanctioned cases shall be limited to the package rate fixed for the relevant disease under Aarogyasri-I & II.
 - (xi) After getting sanction from the CM Office, Aarogyasri Trust will authorize the referral hospital to carry out the treatment and to refer claim to the Trust as per the package rates.
 - (xii) The Aarogyasri Trust shall process the claim of the network hospital and make recommendation to the Revenue Department to pay to the concerned hospital, the assistance sanctioned. Revenue Department will accordingly pay to the network hospital, through electronic payment system. Trust will assist Revenue Department in setting up the payment system online. For this, the Revenue Department shall open a separate Account with electronic clearance through internet gateway.
 - (xiii) The expenditure incurred by the Trust for administering the Scheme, including the expenditures for referrals, pre-authorization and claim processing shall be met from the CMRF.
4. The Special Commissioner, Information and Public Relations and the Chief Executive Officer, Aarogyasri Health Care Trust shall take necessary action in the matter.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.M&HI) Department vide their U.O.No.38130-B/325/A1/Expr. M&HI/08, dt.30-12-2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.SAMUEL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Special Commissioner, & Addl.EO Secretary, I&PR

~~The Chief Executive Officer, Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, Hyd.,~~

The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad

All the District Collectors.

All the Network Hospitals through Chief Executive Officer,
Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, Hyderabad.

All the HODs of HM & FW Department.

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