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Tripura Health Assurance scheme for Poor
Directorate of Health Services,
Govt. of Tripura.

Dated, Agartala, the, 4th August, 2017.

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Sub: - Acceptance of Tripura Health Assurance Scheme for Poor by your institution.

Sir,

I would like to inform you that, a special scheme named "Tripura Health Assurance Scheme for Poor (THASP)" has been introduced in Tripura on 13th August 2014 & amended on 19/10/2015 to provide financial assistance to poor families whose annual income is less than Rs. 1, 50,000/- (Rupees One lac Fifty thousand) only for critical care, hospitalization, surgeries and therapies for identified diseases in empanelled hospitals on cashless basis. Under this scheme the cost of treatment & investigation up to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 1, 15,000/- (Rupees One lac fifteen thousand) only will be borne by the scheme.

The Scheme has identified your hospital as one of the referral hospitals for treatment of enlisted diseases of THASP (Copy enclosed), within maximum ceiling, or actual, **whichever is less.**

As per the guidelines of the scheme, the expenditure incurred in connection with investigation or treatment of such patients referred by the THASF shall be re-imbursed by this scheme up to the maximum ceiling or actual expenditure, whichever is less, on production of the bills as per CGHS package/ rate by your hospital. The excess amount beyond maximum ceiling will be paid by the patient/patient party to the hospital on completion of treatment before discharge.

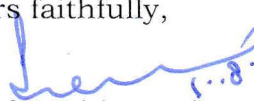
I therefore request you to communicate your acceptance to be empanelled as referral hospital of this scheme on the following conditions:-

- 3) The rate will be at CGHS rate.
- 4) Payment will be paid on bill basis on the claim made by designated authority of your institute to the maximum amount of Rs. 1.15 lacs or actual whichever is less. Any amount beyond the upper ceiling will be paid by the patient/patient party.

If the above conditions are acceptable, you may kindly furnish the following:-

- iv) Name & Designation of the contact person along with Telephone number, Mobile number & E-mail address.
 - v) Bank Details along with IFS Code number.
 - vi) The package cost (CGHS) of each procedure of enlisted diseases under THASP.
- Your willingness for empanelment should be intimated to the undersigned on or before 16th August 2017.

Enclo:- As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Health Services
Government of Tripura.

NO.F.1(1067)-DHS/GS/2014
Government of Tripura
Health and Family Welfare Department

Dated, Agartala, the 6th August, 2014

GUIDELINES OF THE TRIPURA HEALTH ASSURANCE SCHEME FOR POOR

The Government of Tripura has been assisting persons belonging to families from Below Poverty Line (BPL) for treatment of referred illnesses outside the state for critical care and hospitalization. Besides financial assistance is also being provided under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a smart card based health insurance scheme to provide cashless health insurance cover for BPL families subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30, 000/- per family per annum. Keeping in view incidence of diseases and high cost involved in treatment, it has been decided to introduce a new scheme for providing health care to all the poor people of the State to meet the cost of critical care in advanced healthcare facilities in the country.

2. **Objective of the Scheme:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the poor families of Tripura for critical care, hospitalization, surgeries and therapies for identified diseases in pre empanelled hospitals on cashless basis. Tripura is located in remotest part of the country. People of the state have to travel long distances to avail advanced procedures by spending huge out of pocket expenses. Medical expenses are one of the key drivers for increasing poverty among the families in the state. Therefore, the scheme is envisaged with a view to provide assistance to the poor people of Tripura to meet the cost for critical care diseases and to reduce out of pocket expenses.

3. **Coverage and Eligibility:** The Scheme will cover all the families of Tripura whose annual income is less than Rs 1,50,000/- (Rupees One lakh fifty thousand only). A family includes legal spouse, unmarried children upto the age of 25 and dependent parents. The scheme covers upto five members of a family on a floater basis. ~~Names of family members should be on the ration card issued by the~~ Government of Tripura. An eligible beneficiary should be referred by the Medical Board to any of the pre-identified hospitals in the Country. Application for grant of assistance shall be made in the prescribed format with documentation.

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4. **Assistance to be provided:**

Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to a member of the eligible families for the following purposes:

- (i) For treatment towards the cost of approved medical procedure, subject to a ceiling of Rs 1.15 lakh per year per family on floater basis.
- (ii) Assistance towards journey from Agartala to the hospital and back for the referred patient upto a ceiling of Rs 0.10 lakh.
- (iii) Assistance for treatment shall be paid directly to the hospital empanelled for the purpose for which the patient is referred on getting relevant details about the treatment.
- (iv) Financial assistance towards travelling will be paid in advance by Bank Draft or by direct transfer to the bank account indicated in the application as soon as the patient is referred by the Medical Board for treatment.

5. **Procedure to be followed for getting assistance:**

For getting assistance under the scheme, either the patient or any of his / her family members shall have to submit an application in the format (given in **Annexure-II**) with relevant details addressed to the Director State Illness Fund.

- (i) The applications received shall be processed on priority and the empanelled hospital where the patient is referred for treatment shall be informed through email/fax for extending necessary treatment to the patient on his reporting there. A copy of the letter referring the patient to the empanelled hospital shall be handed over to the patient or his/her relative for reference.
- (ii) The list of hospitals along with terms & conditions shall be decided after following due procedure and hospitals agreeing to provide the treatment at the CGHS rates and for getting the payment by raising the bill from the government after the treatment process is completed. In the interim period, the facilities will be provided for treatment in the hospitals (list enclosed in **Annexure-I**) which were enlisted under the State Illness Assistance Fund.
- (iii) The empanelled hospital shall set up a separate counter and or designated person for patients referred by the Health Department of Government of Tripura. The empanelled hospital shall intimate necessary telephone number/counter where the referred patient shall report for

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getting the medical treatment. The empanelled hospital shall provide necessary healthcare facilities to the referred patient as per the agreement executed with the State Government. In case, the cost of procedure exceeds Rs 1.15 lakh, the fact should be indicated to the patient or his relative to obtain their consent to pay. Government of Tripura is not responsible for any excess amount beyond the agreed cost of procedure.

- (iv) The empanelled hospital shall have to send information indicating the healthcare facilities provided to the patient along with the bills to the Director of the scheme through email or Fax/MIS. This bill shall be verified and admissible amount shall be reimbursed to the hospital as per provision under this scheme.

6. **Implementation of the scheme:**

The scheme shall be implemented through the Tripura State Illness Assistance Fund, a society registered under the Societies (Regulation) Act as per these guidelines and the earlier scheme will cease to operate. Assistance shall be approved by a Committee consisting of Minister, Health as Chairman, Secretary, Health and Director of Health Services and Director, FW & PM as members.

a) **Benefits and Diseases eligible for cashless treatment:** A member of an eligible family referred by the Medical Board constituted by the Government of Tripura shall be eligible for coverage under the scheme. Medical procedures will be pre-determined in the empanelled hospitals and will be part of packages finalized with the Hospitals. An eligible member of a family shall be able to receive medical and surgical care for the treatment of the following identified diseases that involve hospitalization, surgeries and therapies from any of the empanelled Hospitals.

1. Cancer
2. Cardiovascular surgeries
3. Neurosurgeries
4. Renal
5. Neo-natal diseases
6. Poly trauma
7. Eye surgeries

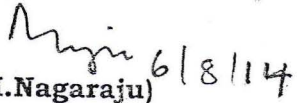
Procedures as at **Annexure-III** in each of above identified seven critical care diseases only will be eligible for treatment under the scheme. The Health and

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Family Welfare Department shall from time to time add or delete eligible procedures. No other expenditure shall be payable under the scheme to any beneficiary.

6. **Eligible Hospitals:** Public, Private, Trust managed Hospitals shall be empanelled for package of services for the pre-determined diseases either through open tender, Expression of Interest (EOI) or in the case of Government Hospitals, based on the available facilities, standards and reputation. The four State level Hospitals – G.B. Pant Hospital, IGM Hospital, Cancer Hospital and Tripura Medical College & Dr. BRAM Teaching Hospital are eligible for referral of pre determined procedures. The re-imburement for the referred patients for these four hospitals only also includes cost of hospitalization, tests, implants and medicines. The names of Hospitals will be publicly disclosed. The scheme will make direct payment to the hospitals for identified procedures after empanelling the eligible Hospitals for rates of packages through cashless transaction.

7. These guidelines will come into being with immediate effect.


(M.Nagaraju) 6/8/14
Secretary to the
Government of Tripura

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
AGRATALA TRIPURA

No.F.1(9)-SECY/HFW/13(i)

Dated 17/11/2015

NOTIFICATION

Subject: Guidelines of Tripura Health Assurance Scheme for Poor (THASP) - Amendment thereof.

The Governor of Tripura is pleased to amend the guidelines of THASP in the following manner:-

1. In order to offer option to patients and cover a diverse range of hospitals with better facilities following guidelines' are included as follows with immediate effect.

- (1) A single list of referral hospitals both for Government employees and for the scheme.
- (2) Hospitals which have entered into MOU or consented to the scheme guidelines with the Health & Family Welfare Department will be reimbursed as per the scheme directly to them as is being done now.
- (3) The hospitals which have not entered into MOU but if the patient is referred by the Standing Medical Board to them, patients will be reimbursed the cost of procedures as per the scheme guidelines as being done in case of referred Govt. employees
- (4) If a patient is treated in a different super specialist hospital than the one referred to, the patient will be reimbursed the specific cost of procedures of the nearest referred hospital but not the cost of hospital in which the patient was treated, if it is higher.
- (5) The Income Certificate of appointing authority will be considered sufficient in case of employees / workers engaged by agencies / departments of the State Government.

2. After careful examination and taking into consideration all related aspects of referral hospitals for treatment/ investigation, the following list of hospitals for Government employees and for the scheme will be followed:

1. Indo American Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad
2. Tata Medical Centre, Rajarhat, Kolkata
3. Appollo Hospital , Chennai
4. Asian Institute of Gastroenterology , Hyderabad
5. L.V. Prasad Hospital, Hyderabad.
6. National Neuro Science , Kolkata

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7. Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai
8. SSKM Hospital, Kolkata
9. Cancer Centre & Welfare Home, Thakur Pukur, Kolkata
10. Sankaradeva Netralaya, Guwahati
11. CMC Vellore
12. Care Hospital, Hyderabad
13. National Institute of Mental Health & Neuroscience, Bangalore
14. AIIMS, New Delhi
15. Max Heart & Vascular Institute, New Delhi,
16. Sushrut Eye Foundation & Research Centre, Kolkata
17. R.N. Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Science, Kolkata
18. B.M. Birla Heart Research Centre, Kolkata
19. Narayan Hrudalaya, Bangaluru
20. Fortis Hospital, Kolkata
21. Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
22. PGI Chandigarh
23. Sanjoy Gandhi PGI, Lucknow
24. ILS Hospital, Agartala.
25. M.V. Hospital, Chennai

3. ENT also will be covered under the scheme. 18 (eighteen) more new procedures included in the 8 (eight) diseases including ENT as eligible for assistance under the scheme.

(A) Cardiovascular Surgery

- i) Vascular surgery

(B) Neuro Surgery

- (i) Epilepsy
- (ii) Crouzones Syndrome requires craniotomy

(C) Renal surgery

- (i) Procedures for peritoneal dialysis
- (ii) Omission of Trans Urethral Resection (TUR) of prostate.

(D) Neonatal Diseases

- (i) Neonatal obstructive Jaundice
- (ii) Congenital obstructive Surgery
- (iii) Pediatric Stroke

(E) Poly Trauma Orthopedic non traumatic causes

- (i) Paraplegia
- (ii) Quadriplegia
- (iii) Bony Tumor of Deformity (i.e. Scoliosis)

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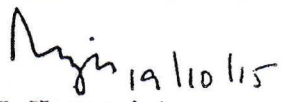
(F) ENT

- (i) Lefort's fracture Management
- (ii) Surgery of Acoustic Neuroma
- (iii) Skull base surgery
- (iv) Major resection surgery of Head & Neck
- (v) Cochlear implantation
- (vi) Total laryngectomy with radical neck dissection
- (vii) Hemimandibulectomy with flab rotation

4. Consequent upon the above arrangement, administrative departments under the Government of Tripura shall not be required to refer cases either to Health & Family Welfare Department seeking clarification about admissibility.

This order shall take immediate effect.

By order of the Governor,

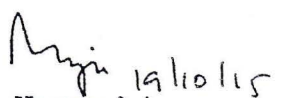

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Secretary to the
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To

1. All Head of Departments / All Departments / All State PSUs / Boards/ Autonomous Bodies.
2. All Medical Superintendents of State & District Hospitals.

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2. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Tripura, Agartala.
3. The PS / PA to all Ministers.
4. The Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/ Secretaries, Govt. of Tripura.
5. The Director General of Police, Tripura.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, TTAADC, Khumlung, West Tripura.
7. The Superintendent, Tripura Govt. Press, Bordowali, Agartala with request to publish the same in the next issue of Tripura Gazette.
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