

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM & FW Dept. – Separate guidelines for high end drugs required for the COVID-19 patients and repeated CT if necessary for the COVID-19 patients – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 78

Dated: 20-07-2020.

Read the following:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.77, HM&FW(I) Department, Dated.08.07.2020.
- 2) From the CEO., Dr. YSR AHCT, Guntur,
Lr.No.Dr.YSRAHCT/P&C/COVID-19/2020, Dated.16.07.2020.

ORDER:

In the G.O.1st read above, Government accepted the recommendations of the Technical Committee and issued detailed guidelines on fixation of per day package for Covid-19 patients and categorisation of hospitals in the districts.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the CEO, Dr.YSR AHCT, Guntur has furnished the proposal for issue of separate guidelines for high end drugs required for the COVID-19 patients and repeated CT if necessary for the COVID-19 patients.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the CEO, Dr.YSR AHCT, Guntur, hereby issue the following guidelines in addition to the detailed guidelines on fixation of per day package for Covid-19 patients and categorisation of hospitals in the districts issued in the G.O.1st read above:

- i. In addition to the Per day package specified in the GO 1st read above, the cost of the below mentioned high end drugs, sometimes necessary depending upon the severity of the disease, an additional amount is allowed to be paid based on the utilisation evidences submitted by the covid treatment hospitals of Category A and B.

For instance DRUGS:

1. Inj.TOCILIZUMAB - Crucial drug in cytokine storm syndrome
2. Tab. FAVIPIRAVIR - Antiviral Drug in mild cases of Covid
3. Inj. REMDESIVIR - Antiviral drug in Moderate to severe cases of Covid
4. Inj. MEROPENAM - Antibiotic used in sepsis and septic shock, etc are identified to be of immense use to reduce the mortality rate while treating some of the cases of the covid positive patients.
 - However, the above list of the drugs are only indicative, any other authorised and approved drugs by ICMR/MOHFW,INDIA, related to covid treatment shall also be utilised. The payment will be based on the latest MRP rates for such drugs.
 - The number of doses should be in line with protocol issued by MOHFW, INDIA or ICMR, any violation and utilisation of over and above the recommended doses will not be paid or chargeable and will be viewed seriously.

(P.T.O.)

REPEATED INVESTIGATIONS:

HR CT of Chest to assess the extent of the lesion and healing in the lungs when CXR is inconclusive, can be repeated as per medical requirements. The cost of CT scan, payable may be fixed at Rs 2500.

- ii. The Aarogyasri hospitals should submit the required evidence for the usage of the drug along with the treating doctor justification on the need of the drug for the concerned patient and should also produce the bill & image of the vial/drug showing the Serial no and bar code.
- iii. The cost of the above mentioned high end drugs will be paid based on the latest MRP.
- iv. For Non Aarogyasri hospitals in Category A and B, the cost of the above said high end medicines, repeated Investigations, shall be allowed to charge extra to the patient as per the latest MRP rates, in addition to the package rates specified in the G.O. 1st read above.
- v. It is instructed to consider any RTPCR negative patient with chest x ray and CT changes suggestive of COVID-19, must also be admitted in covid treating hospitals and treat them considering as covid-19 positive patients.

4. The Chief Executive Officer, Dr YSR AHCT shall initiate immediate necessary action to make necessary changes in the system to modify the existing procedures to include above listed drugs, and investigations for providing cashless treatment to the COVID -19 patients under Aarogyasri empanelled Covid treating hospitals.

5. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare is directed to instruct the District Medical and Health Officers to monitor the strict implementation of the above mentioned changes, while charging the COVID 19 patients and ensure that no extra amount should be collected from the COVID patients in non-aarogyasri covid treating hospitals.

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

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Executive Officer,
Dr YSR Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, Guntur.
The Director, Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P. Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
All District Collectors in the State.

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