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D.O. Z-18015/19/2020-NHM-II-Part(1)

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Dear Colleagues,

This is in continuation to my D.O. letter no. Z-18015/19/2020-NHM-II-Part (1), dated 23.04.2020, regarding Guidance Note on India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package. Please find the following clarifications and amendments made to the said Guidance note as under –

1. Para 6 – Preparation of plan and Para 8 – approval process

1.1. Since the allocation issued in 2019-20 is part of NHM allocation, in line with the prevailing process under the NHM, it has been decided that the Emergency COVID Response Plan (ECRP) prepared and approved by EC of SHS, will be treated as Supplementary PIP. Therefore, separate plan may be prepared for 2019-20 in the template provided in Annexure 3 (ref. Para 6.1) of Guidance Note dated 23.04.2020.

1.2. It may be noted that activities under the ECRP for 2019-20 as approved by the EC may be carried out as continued activities with funds treated as committed liabilities.

1.3. The ECRP for 2019-20 so prepared should be shared by States\UTs with the Ministry by 15.05.2020 and will be further processed by Ministry. It is clarified that, as intimated vide the Guidance note earlier, approval of EC of SHS will be sufficient for undertaking implementation of the Plan.

2. Para 6.6 – Untied funds –Based on the feedback and suggestions received from the states/UTs, para 6.6 is amended as under –

6.6. It may be noted that since a lot of actions, especially during the emergency phase, will have to be undertaken at the district level, it is provisioned in the Package that untied funds must be provided to each district. The States\UTs may provision 20% of the total central share made available to the State\UT; or funds at the rate of Rs 1 crore per district, whichever is less. Inter-district distribution of funds may be done based on

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population or on the basis of burden and trend of COVID cases or a combination of both. Untied funds to districts may also be provided in installments. The ECRP should factor-in these untied funds to be made available to districts.

3. Negative list of items/activities -

The Guidance note and the FMR structure provide enough flexibility to states to plan and implement various activities suited to their context. However, it may be noted that the funds made available for COVID response may not be used for following purposes\activities -

- a. Construction of the office buildings.
- b. Purchase of vehicles.
- c. Capital costs on any buildings belonging to private, commercial organizations or NGOs.
- d. Capital expenditure for development of private facilities
- e. Purchase of any services for COVID patients availing services in private facilities.
- f. Rental expenditure for quarantine facilities.
- g. Expenditure on migrant labour camps
- h. Expenditure on Transport for migrants.
- i. Expenses related to regular maintenance services, for which a fund or budget is available
- j. Expenditure on Flight costs for patients or residents of the district brought from other countries or states.
- k. Expenditure on Air ambulances.

You may reach out to us for any further clarifications.

with warm regards

Yours sincerely


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