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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered "Novel Corona Virus". Most people infected with the COVID-19, experience mild to moderate symptoms and recover without requiring special treatment. However, those who develop severe symptoms need admission to ICU and often need the help of ventilator. People who have underlying medical conditions and elderly persons have a higher risk of developing severe disease and death. Common symptoms include fever, tiredness & dry cough. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, aches and pains, sore throat.

The State Government has taken steps to identify Dedicated COVID Hospitals, COVID Healthcare Centres and COVID Care Centres. At present most of the patients suffering from COVID-19 are under treatment in these government facilities. A few patients are also under treatment in private hospitals as Government has not barred the treatment of COVID-19 patients in private hospitals. However, a private hospital has to mandatorily notify all such cases to the BBMP Health Administration / District Health Authorities.

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) has held extensive discussions with private hospitals and their Associations with the intention of involving the private hospitals in the treatment of COVID-19 cases. A few hospitals empanelled with the SAST have also entered into MOU for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. Due to an increasing number of COVID-19 cases being reported in the State, it has now been decided to involve the private hospitals in the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

The private hospitals empanelled with SAST under the AB-ArK scheme (**Annexure-1**) are hereby notified for the treatment of COVID-19 patients referred to by the Government Health Authorities. The conditions guiding the treatment of patients referred to by the Health Authorities are as follows :

- (i) Referral will have to be made by a Public Authority viz., Commissioner, BBMP, Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, DHOs, DLOs etc.
- (ii) Immediately on admission of a patient, the hospital will notify SAST and start the treatment.

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- (iii) The treatment protocol issued by the State Government from time to time has to be followed mandatorily.
- (iv) The hospital will be paid as per the appropriate package rate for COVID-19 management. Further, additional packages will also be applicable for co-morbidities.

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Health and Family Welfare Department

To:

1. Commissioner, BBMP.
2. Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
3. Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services.
4. Special Commissioner, BBMP.
5. Mission Director, NHM.
6. Director, Health and Family Welfare Services.
7. OSD, Surveillance, Health and Family Welfare Services.
8. Director of Medical Education
10. Joint Director, Medical - to bring it to the notice of all Private Establishments.
11. All DHOs / District Surgeons

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
2. PS to Hon.C.M, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
3. PS to Hon.Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dept