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**CIRCULAR**

Subject: Guidelines for Audit of Remdesivir in COVID-19 Hospitals.

- Reference: 1. Joint AIIMS/ ICMR-COVID-19 National Task Force/Joint Monitoring Group (Dte.GHS) "clinical guidance for management of adult covid-19 patients", Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India dated 22nd April 2021.
2. Circular No: HFW 107 ACS 2021, Dated: 20-04-2021 - Guidelines for Management of COVID19 [A Point of Care Approach] Version 4.0 (POC) April 2021,

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The State is experiencing second wave of COVID-19 and as there is a rapid surge of COVID-19 positive cases, the demand for Remdesivir has increased in both Government and Private Health Care Institutions. The data on the consumption of Remdesivir by the hospitals treating COVID-19 patients has revealed that there is an indiscriminate use of Remdesivir in many hospitals. An optimal use of Remdesivir needs to be ensured both for a better healthcare of the patient as well as the curtailment of wastage of the drug.

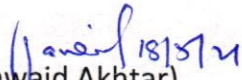
The Clinical Expert Committee of Karnataka has laid down the guidelines for minimizing wastage and rational use of Remdesivir in health care facilities which is attached as **Annexure**.

It is the responsibility of the health team to judiciously use the drug and the responsibility of the hospital administrators to monitor and audit its use. Each facility shall also form a Remdesivir Audit Committee and submit a report on the use of Remdesivir pre and post audit to the Expert Committees constituted by the

Order No. HFW 276 ACS 2020, dated 29.07.2020. Further, the Expert Committees shall review the action taken by the health care facilities in this regard.

All the healthcare facilities in Karnataka are hereby directed to follow the guidelines in letter and spirit and report compliance to the respective BBMP/District Level Expert Committees.

The district authorities are instructed to disseminate the guidelines to all the health care institutions and monitor the implementation for better utilization of Remdesivir.

  
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3. The Mission Director, NHM Bangalore
4. The Special Commissioner, BBMP.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Karnataka.
6. The Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Bangalore.
7. The Director, Department of Medical Education, Bangalore.
8. All Divisional / Joint Directors, Health and Family Welfare Department.
9. The Chief Health Officer, BBMP.
10. All the District Health Officers / District Surgeons / Administrative Medical Officers and Taluk Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents of all General Hospitals in Karnataka.

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