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ABSTRACT

National Rural Health Mission – State Health Society Tamil Nadu – Implementation of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) in Tamil Nadu and Sanction of Manpower to the Programme – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP II-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.) No. 123

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Thiruvalluvar Aandu: 2045

Jaya, Chitirai: 26

Read:

- (i) G.O (Ms)No.116, Health and Family Welfare Department, Dated 25.03.2011.
- (ii) From 1578/P7/SHS/2013, dated 15.7.2013 , 14.10.2013 and 17.02.2014.

ORDER:

Hon'ble Minister for Finance has made the following announcement in the budget 2014-15.

"As part of the National Health Mission, this Government has decided to launch a new initiative for child health screening and early intervention service. Under this, two teams per block, i.e. a total of 770 Mobile Health Teams, with a doctor, a staff Nurse and a Pharmacist will be constituted. One District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) per District, in 31 Districts, will be located in the Government Medical College Hospital and District Headquarters Hospitals where there is no Government Medical College Hospital, to provide referral support to children detected with critical health conditions".

2. The Mission Director, State Health Society, in this letter second read above, has stated that the Government of India has initiated a new programme called Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) – 'Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Service Programme' under National Rural Health Mission and the programme aims at early detection and management of the 4Ds prevalent in children i.e. Defects at birth, Diseases in children, Deficiency conditions and Developmental Delays including Disabilities. The Screening of children is a known intervention under the School Health Programme and it is now being expanded to cover all children from birth to 18 years of

age. The programme has been initiated as significant progress has already been made in reducing child mortality under the National Rural Health Mission. However, further gains can be achieved by early detection and management of conditions in all age groups. Many components of RBSK are already being carried out under various schemes in Tamil Nadu namely Modified School Health Programme, Correction of Refractive Errors (Kannoli Kaapom Thittam), Comprehensive School Children Dental Programme, Congenital Defects Programme and various other NGO schemes.

3. The Mission Director, State Health Society has stated further that as per the guidelines issued by Government of India under RBSK, it is proposed to bring all the programmes functioning in different scheme under one roof of RBSK. The details of RBSK programmes such as Screening, treatment etc are given in the Annexure to this order.

4. The Mission Director, State Health Society has further stated that the Government of India has approved the above scheme and funds in the Project Implementation Plan 2013-14 and supplementary PIP 2013-14. The Implementation of the RBSK scheme was placed before the Executive Committee of the State Health Society and the Executive Committee in the 24th meeting held on 08.10.2013 has approved the proposals subject to the remarks that, each mobile health team will have only one Medical Officer and Out of the two teams covering a block, one team will have male Medical Officer and the other team will have female Medical Officer and that the District Early Intervention Centre will be established at the Medical College Hospitals in the district level and at the District Headquarters Hospital in districts without a Medical College. He has requested necessary Government Order for the implementation of the RBSK in Tamil Nadu and for sanction of manpower to implements the schemes.

5. The Government after careful consideration has decided to accept the proposals of the Mission Director, State Health Society and accordingly issued the following orders:

- i) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to launch and implement the Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram" programme in all the 31 District of the State except Chennai District to provide Screening and Early Intervention Service to all the children from 0- 18 years for four Ds – Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Developmental delays including disabilities as per Government of India Guidelines.
- ii) Sanction is accorded for the creation of 770 posts of Medical Officers in the time scale of pay of Rs.15600 – 39100 + GP Rs. 5400 to the 770 Mobile Health Teams for 385 Blocks at the rate of Two teams per Block (One team will have Male Medical Officer and the other team will have Female Medical Officer) and for the creation of 31 posts of Paediatricians, 31 posts of Medical Officer and 31 posts of Dentist to the 31 District Early Intervention Centres (DEIC) in time scale of pay of Rs. 15600-39100 + GP 5400 from State funds through Treasure mode. These posts shall be filled up by transfer from the existing Assistant Surgeons / Senior Assistant Surgeons / Civil Surgeon working in the

Department or by district recruitment through the Medical Services Recruitment Board.

- iii) The Mission Director, State Health Society is also permitted to appoint the following persons on contract basis from the NRHM funds to the State unit, DEIC and Block level Mobile Health Teams:

Level	Category	No. of persons	Mode of placement	Contract Salary per month
State Unit	(i) Consultant-I	1	Civil surgeon cadre, DD, - to be filled by deputation, Contractual from Retd. Paediatric Professor, JD, DD, Addl. Director - Outsourcing from Paediatrician / Public Health Graduate	Rs.50,000
	(ii) Consultant-II	1	Assistant Surgeon cadre – Paediatrician / MBBS on deputation. Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.40,000
	iii) System Analyst	1	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.13750
	iv) Data Entry Operator	1	Contractual/ outsourcing	Rs.9000
DEIC	i) Physiotherapist	31	Contractual/ outsourcing	Rs.10000
	ii) Audiologist/ Speech Therapist	31	Contractual/ outsourcing	Rs.9500
	iii) Psychologist	31	Contractual/ outsourcing	Rs.13000
	iv) Optometrist	31	Contractual/ outsourcing	RS.9500
	v) Early interventionist cum Special Educator cum Social Worker	31	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.13000
	vi) Lab Technician	62	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.10000
	vii) Dental Technician	31	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.9500
	viii) System Analyst	31	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.13750
	ix) Data Entry Operator	31	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.9000

Block Mobile health Team	i) Staff Nurse	770	contract basis through DM & RHS as per the seniority list maintained by him or through outsourcing	Rs.7700 and Rs.550 annually increase
	ii) Pharmacist	770	Contractual / outsourcing	Rs.10000

- iv) The Mission Director is permitted to place the Staff Nurses on contract basis through Director of Medical and Rural Health Services(DM&RHS) as per the seniority list maintained by him or through outsourcing. The Mission Director is permitted to pay the contractual Staff Nurses a sum of Rs.7700/month in the first year with Rs.550 increase annually.
- v) The Mission Director is permitted to rationalize the teams to the block level based on the needs. He should take action to establish the District Early Intervention Centres at the Government Medical College Hospitals in the Districts and in the District Head Quarters Hospital in the Districts without a Government Medical College Hospitals.
- vi) The Mission Director is permitted to remit the salary component of the 801 Medical Officers, 31 Pediatricians and 31 Dentists sanctioned in time scale of pay to the State Government Receipt Account at the rate approved by the Government of India to the following Government head of account:
- "0211-00- Family Welfare -800 Other Receipts – AN-Receipts under National Rural Health Mission" (DPC 0211-00 800 AN 0007)
- vii) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to incur the expenditure from the National Rural Health Mission funds.
- viii) The Project Co-ordinators, ICDS Department and Director, School Education Department are requested to issue instruction to the District Officer and field staff to co-ordinate with the Health Department for the successful implementation of the programme.
6. (i) The expenditure towards Medical Officers sanctioned in time scale of pay in para 5 above to the District Early Intervention Centres shall be debited from the following head of account:

"2210 - Medical and Public Health – 01
Urban Health Services – Allopathy – 110.
Hospital and Dispensaries – I Non Plan – AA
District Headquarters Hospitals – 01 Salaries
(DPC 2210-01-110-AA-0106)"

- (ii) The expenditure towards Medical Officers sanctioned in time scale of pay to the Mobile Health Team shall be debited from the following head of account:

“2210 - Medical and Public Health – 03 - Rural
Health Services – Allopathy – 103. Primary
Health Centres – I Non Plan – AH.
National Rural Health Mission Scheme – 01 Salaries
(DPC 2210-03-103-AH-0105)”

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall constitute an item shall constitute an item of “New Service” and the approval of Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will initially be met by an advance from the contingency fund and orders regarding which will be issued by the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine are requested to send application in the prescribed form along with a copy of this order to Finance (BG-I) Department for sanctioning the advance. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services / Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine are also directed to send necessary note for inclusion of the expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate for 2014-15 to obtain approval of the Legislative Assembly to the Finance (BG-I) Department at the appropriate time.

8. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services is requested to surrender the existing posts of Medical Officer, Health Visitor, Drivers, Office Assistants etc., sanctioned under Director of Medical and Rural Health Services for school Health Programme in urban areas and the persons working in these posts be redeployed to the regular vacant posts as the RBSK Team will be covering Urban areas under the programme to avoid duplication of service.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance(CMPC)Department vide U.O.No.17127/CMPC/14, dated:25.03.2014 and ASL No. (ninety Four)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J.RADHAKRISHNAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai - 6.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai - 6.

The Director of Medical & Rural Health Services, Chennai - 6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.

The Member Secretary, Medical Services Recruitment Board,
DMS Complex, Chennai-6.

The All District Collectors

All District Treasury Officers.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

The Account General, Chennai-18. (2 copies)

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The Special P. A to Hon'ble Minister (Health), Chennai-9

The Finance (Health-I/ BG.II/CMPC) Department, Chennai-9

Health and Family Welfare (C) Department, Chennai -9.

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Annexure to G.O.(Ms)No. 123 H&FW (EAP II -1) Department, dated 09.05.2014

RBSK Scheme Guidelines

(i) Screening:

a) New born:

Facility based new born screening at all delivery points, by existing health manpower.

b) Children: 6 weeks to 18 years:

(6 weeks to 6 years) Anganwadi centers, (7 years to 18 years) – Government and Government –aided schools based screening by dedicated Mobile Health Teams.

(ii) Treatment and follow up

a) Treatment for the children and students for minor ailments will be provided by the Mobile Health Team.

b) District Early Intervention centers (DEIC)

At District level, District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) will be located in the Medical College Hospitals and in the district without medical college hospitals, It will be located at District Headquarters Hospitals. The District Early Intervention Centre will provide referral support to children detected with health conditions during screening. The children and students presumptively diagnosed to have a disease / deficiency / disability / defect and who require confirmatory tests or further examinations will be referred to the designated tertiary level health facilities through DEICs. The DEIC would promptly respond and manage all issues related to developmental delays, hearing defects, vision impairment, neuromotor disorders, speech and language delay, autism and cognitive impairment. This center would have the basic facilities to conduct tests for hearing vision, neurological tests and behavioral assessment. besides, the team at DEIC will also be involved in new born screening at district level. The follow up has to be done by the mobile health team and the DEIC whoever refers the case.

(iii) Operationalisation of the programme:

Manpower:

a) **State Level Unit:**

For implementing, coordinating and monitoring the scheme, a state level unit will be established consisting of a Nodal Officer in the rank of Additional Director in service with the following persons:

Sl. No	Category	Nos	Unit cost per month	Mode of Placement
1	Consultant 1	1	Rs.50,000	Civil surgeon cadre, DD, JD- to be filled in by deputation or Contractual / retired persons Retd. Pediatric Professor, JD, DD, Addl. Director or Outsourcing - Pediatrician / Public Health Graduate
2	Consultant 2	1	Rs.40,000	Assistant Surgeon cadre - Pediatrician / MBBS on deputation. Contractual / Outsourcing
3	System Analyst	1	Rs.13,750	Outsourcing
4	Data entry operator	1	Rs.9,500	Outsourcing

b) District Early Intervention Centers (DEIC)

At district level, early intervention centre will be located in the Medical College Hospitals and in districts without medical college hospital. It will be located at District Headquarters Hospital. The purpose of Early Intervention Center is to provided referral support to children detected with health conditions during health screening. A team consisting of Pediatrician, Medical Officer, Paramedics will be engaged to provide services. The System Analyst will carry out mapping of tertiary care facilities in Government institutions for ensuring adequate referral support. The proposed team composition at the District Early Intervention Center (DEIC) is as below:

Sl. No	Category	No. per unit
1	Pediatrician	1
2	Medical Officer	1
3	Dentist	1
4	Physiotherapist	1
5	Audiologist and Speech Therapist	1
6	psychologist	1
7	Optometrist	1
8	Early Interventionist cum Special Educator cum Social Worker	1
9	Lab Technician	2
10	Dental Technician	1
11	System Analyst	1
12	Data Entry Operator	1

C) Mobile Health Teams @ 2 per block in 385 blocks

Two Dedicated Mobile Health Teams in each Block will be engaged to conduct screening of children. Villages within the jurisdiction of the Block would be distributed amongst the mobile Health teams. The number of teams may vary depending on the number of Anganwadi Centers, difficult to reach areas and children enrolled in the schools. The screening of children in the Anganwadi Centre would be conducted at least twice a year and at least once in a year for school children to begin with. Each Mobile Health Team will consist of three members – one Doctor, with a bachelor's degree in medicine from an approved institution, one Staff Nurse and one pharmacist with proficiency in computer for data management. Each block will have two teams, one of which will have a Female Medical officer and other team will have a Male Medical Officer.

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