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## Summary

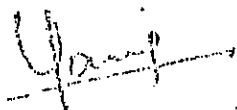
- **Financial Assistance to PLHIV**  
Financial assistance of Rs. 1000/- per month to People Living with HIV (PLHA) on ART.
- **Financial Assistance to Double Orphans infected and affected by HIV/AIDS**  
Financial assistance of Rs. 2050/- per month to HIV Infected Double orphans (Age 0-18 years) and Rs. 1750/- per month to Children Affected by HIV/AIDS Double Orphans (age 0-18 years)
- **Free Blood and Blood Product**  
Free Blood and Blood Product without any replacement.
- **Free Treatment (Routine Checkup)**  
Free diagnosis CT Scan MRI, Ultrasound, Blood Test and other investigations
- **Education**  
No Children affected by HIV/AIDS is denied admission if otherwise eligible for admission to any class in the school.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT  
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OFFICE ORDER

As per the decision No. 1838 dated 07/12/2011 approved by Government of NCT of Delhi, the blood and blood products will be provided without replacement and without processing to the people living with HIV/AIDS, registered in any Govt. Art Centre of NCT of Delhi

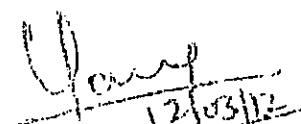
The Order should be strictly followed by all concerned.

  
(Vivek Pandey)  
Addl. Secretary

Sl.No 2527/PA/PD/DSACS/2012/HF-3/25-29 Dated: 15/03/2012

Copy for information and necessary action :-

1. HOD/MOI/Call Govt. Blood Bank in Delhi
2. Medical Superintendents of all Delhi Govt. Hospitals
3. Project Director, DSACS, Rohini
4. Drug Controller, GNCT Delhi, Karkardooma
5. Director, SBTC/GNCT Delhi, GTB Hospital

  
(Vivek Pandey)  
Addl. Secretary

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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT  
DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-02

No.F.3/2/2011-GAD/CN-3579-3590

Dated: 09/12/11

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9/12/2011  
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**CABINET DECISION NO. 1838 DATED: 07/12/2011**

**Proposal for Financial Assistance to people Living with HIV/AIDS on Anti Retroviral treatment and Double Orphan Children Infected or / affected by HIV/AIDS in Delhi.**

**Decision:** The Cabinet considered the proposal of Pr. Secretary (H & FW) and approved the proposal as contained in para-4 & 7 of the Cabinet Note. In addition, the Cabinet also approved that destitute/abandoned children less than 18 years of age and infected with HIV/AIDS in the care of NGOs / other institutions and taking treatment in the ART Centres in Delhi, will be included for financial assistance as given to double orphan children infected with HIV / AIDS.

The proposed assistance to people living with HIV / AIDS (PLHAs) or to the double orphan / abandoned children will be incremental to any other assistance being availed by them under different government programmes. To be eligible, the PLHAs should have been residents of Delhi for a period of preceding three years.

PD(DSACS)

Sd/-  
(P.K. TRIPATHI)  
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

No.F.3/2/2011-GAD/CN-

Dated:

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1. Pr. Secretary to Lt. Governor, Delhi.
2. Pr. Secretary to the Chief Minister, Delhi.
3. Secretary to Minister of Health, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. Secretary to Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
5. Secretary to Minister of Food & Supplies, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
6. Secretary to Minister of PWD, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
7. Secretary to Minister of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
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9. Pr. Secretary (H & FW), Govt. of NCT of Delhi: with the request to upload ATR on CDMS.
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(B. V. SELVARAJ)  
JOINT SECRETARY TO THE CABINET  
9/12/11

No. F. 1(136)/EEP/LFA/DSACS/08/ Part -III  
**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT**

**MINISTER IN CHARGE:** Dr. A. K. Walia

**SECRETARY IN CHARGE:** Anshu Prakash  
 Principal Secretary (Health & FW)

**Subject: Proposal for Financial Assistance to People Living with HIV/AIDS on Anti Retroviral treatment and Double Orphan Children infected or /affected by HIV/AIDS in Delhi**

1. People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs) require lifelong anti retroviral treatment to prevent severe life threatening opportunistic infections. They also need extra nutrition in addition to balanced diet to cope up with their compromised immune system. The suffering from stigma and discrimination by the family, society and community at large, is compounded by the fact that many of PLHAs are poor. They are unable to even meet the cost of transportation to ART centre for Anti Retroviral treatment. Similarly there are few Double Orphan Children infected or/ affected by HIV/AIDS in Delhi, whose parents have died ( at least one parent due to HIV/AIDS) and these children eventually are either living with their grandparent or extended families or are in institutional care. They are often malnourished, suffer from stigma and discrimination and cannot afford proper education including cost for buying education related material and transportation to school, affecting their long-term survival in the community.
2. As per data furnished by Delhi State AIDS Control Society (DSACS), currently 9718 People Living with HIV/AIDS in Delhi are on Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) at 9 ART centres of Delhi established in Major Govt Hospitals of Delhi. These centres are funded and monitored by Delhi State AIDS Control Society, Govt of Delhi and National AIDS Control Organization, Govt of India. The services that these patients get from ART centre free of cost are as under:
  - a. Free Investigations like CD4 count
  - b. Free medical examination (outdoor) and indoor services in the hospital
  - c. Free lifelong ARV drugs – one month stock is issued at a time
  - d. Free treatment of Opportunistic infections including TB treatment at DOTs
  - e. Psychosocial support and counselling for drug adherence and positive living
 Currently there are 35 double orphans (14 infected with HIV/AIDS and 21 affected by HIV/AIDS) in Delhi. A double orphan child is one whose both father and mother have died and at least one of the parent has died due to HIV/AIDS.
3. During the meeting of State AIDS Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, Chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister and Co-Chaired by Hon'ble Health Minister of Delhi, an in-principle decision was taken to provide financial assistance @ Rs. 1000/ per month to all poor People Living with HIV/AIDS on Anti Retroviral treatment based on criteria mentioned in Para 4 hereinafter. Further, financial assistance would also be considered for all Double Orphan Children infected or /affected by HIV/AIDS. The minutes of meeting are placed at annexure I. This was later examined by DSACS and financial assistance worked out between Rs.1750-2050/pm as per details given in Para 4.

The matter was referred to the Planning/Finance Department who were of the view that for this assistance in the current financial year 2011-12, there are no approved plan schemes and the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (2012-17) will be started after 5 months.

Therefore, a new plan scheme with details of mode of implementation, funds requirements etc may be prepared. Moreover, the Health Department may also examine whether the scheme for providing the 'Financial assistance to the HIV/AIDS people' should be implemented by DSACS or by WCD Department and another scheme for providing 'Financial assistance to HIV/AIDS children, by WCD Department by convening a meeting of the concerned departments. Thereafter a meeting was taken at the level of Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare and it was decided that in the light of the decision taken in the Delhi State AIDS Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, the financial assistance schemes with due approval of the Government should be implemented immediately and the nodal agency for the same would be the Delhi State AIDS Control Society. It was further directed that a note for consideration by the Cabinet be put up for a decision in the matter.

4. For the purpose of financial assistance, the following will be the eligibility requirement and financial assistance package-

4.1 For assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs)-

- Annual family income should not exceed Rs. 1 lakh.
- Should be a resident of Delhi for last 3 years (i.e. resident in Delhi on or before 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008).
- Proof of residence will be as per existing Delhi Government schemes for the weaker sections.
- Should be on regular anti retroviral treatment at any of the 9 ART Centres in Delhi.
- Should have made the monthly visits (for taking the ART drugs) in the preceding year as documented in the ART Green card by the ART Centre nodal officer.
- Financial assistance to eligible PLHAs will be provided @ Rs. 1000/per month
- The assistance to the eligible people living with HIV/AIDS will be continued till they live.

4.2 Criteria for financial assistance to orphan children, either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

- Both parents should have died.
- At least one of the parent should have died due to HIV/AIDS
- Proof of death of the parent due to HIV/AIDS to be ascertained from the ICTC/ART Centres
- Regarding the proof of child being infected by HIV/AIDS to be checked from ICTC or ART Centres
- Eligible double orphan children may be staying with grandparents/close relatives (extended family) or may be in institutional care.

4.3 Financial assistance to Double Orphans infected or affected by HIV/AIDS:

Component of Support	HIV Infected Double orphans (Age- 0-18 yrs) financial support in Rs. per month	Children Affected by HIV/AIDS Double Orphans (Age- 0-18 yrs) financial support in Rs. per month
Nutritional Support	1350/-	1350/-
Transportation cost for availing medical services	200/-	
Skill Building & livelihood support to school going children	500/-	400/-
Total	2050/-	1750/-

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- For financial assistance to double orphan children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, the assistance will be routed through the guardian or in-charge of the institution where the child resides. This will be identified by Project Director, Delhi State AIDS Control Society through a transparent mechanism.
  - The guardian/in-charge of the institution is to spend the amount received only for the purpose of the said orphan child. Close monitoring for the same will be done by the Delhi State AIDS Control Society.
  - The financial assistance to the double orphan children will be continued till they attain the age of 18 years.
  - Infected double orphan child, as long as he/she gets assistance in this category, will not be considered for assistance in the category of people living with HIV/AIDS. However, once the child attains the age of 18 years, he/she will be considered for assistance as a PLHA subject to fulfilment of the laid down criteria for the same.
5. The financial assistance will inter alia help beneficiaries by :
- a. Increasing access to Anti Retroviral Treatment- money provided for transportation cost to access Anti Retroviral Treatment. This will help achieve >95% drug adherence and prevent emergence of drug resistance and need for costly second line treatment.
  - b. Improving nutritional status and physical capacity of the person to earn livelihood
  - c. Help Orphan children in accessing anti retroviral treatment, treatment of other infections that they are at risk, nutritional support, education and skill building.
6. Safeguards for the scheme:
- a. Only People Living with HIV/AIDS with minimum 1 year anti retroviral treatment in the preceding year will be eligible. They should have taken treatment /ARV drugs from the ART centre in each of the preceding 12 months.
  - b. Resident proof of Delhi for last 3 years and Income proof ( $\leq$  1 lakh/annum)- In this regard Revenue Authorities of Govt. of Delhi would be competent to issue certificates.
  - c. Payment will be released on monthly basis by ECS into the bank account of the beneficiary (People Living with HIV/AIDS  $\geq$  18 years of age) or the guardian/institution giver in case of orphan children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.
  - d. Double orphans infected with HIV/AIDS getting benefit of financial assistance as double orphans will not be getting additional benefit as living with HIV/AIDS. If more than one family member in family are living with HIV/AIDS and are on ART, each of the said PLHAs will get the benefit of the financial assistance.
  - e. The overall responsibility for monitoring and ensuring that the financial assistance reaches / benefits the identified beneficiaries would be of Delhi State AIDS Control Society. They will evolve suitable mechanism for monitoring, checking and follow-up. Project Director, Delhi State AIDS Control Society also suggested the following-
    - (i) For People Living with HIV/AIDS on ART – Nodal Officer /Senior Medical Officer of the 9 ART centers of Delhi in various Govt Hospitals and 7 Positive people networks empanelled with Delhi State AIDS Control Society will be entrusted with the task of monitoring the scheme under supervision of Joint Director /Consultant (CST), DSACS.
    - (ii) For orphan Children Infected/affected by HIV/AIDS- An NGO will be identified for monitoring the scheme with overall supervision of DSACS.
    - (iii) Quarterly survival certificate of the PLHA getting financial assistance by the nodal officer of the ART Centres certifying that the beneficiary is alive and receiving regular treatment. An appropriate level officer will be designated in DSACS to give similar survival certificate of affected double orphan children.

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7. In addition to above two schemes, it is also proposed to Provide Free blood /or blood products to People Living with HIV/AIDS registered in any of the 9 Govt ART centres of Delhi by waiver of service charges. The same would also be issued without replacement donation if the required blood/or blood product are available in any Govt Blood Bank in Delhi. This will help People Living with HIV/AIDS since they may get anaemic because of toxicity of ARV drugs, malnutrition and frequent infections. Moreover, they generally have no family member to donate blood as multiple family members may be infected in the family.
8. Financial Implications-
  - a. People Living with HIV/AIDS on ART- There are approximately 4500 poor persons living with HIV/AIDS in Delhi on ART as per survey /study done by DSACS. If financial assistances of Rs. 1000/- per month is given, Rs. 45 lakhs per month i.e. Rs. 5.4 Cr per annum.
  - b. Double Orphan Children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS- The financial implications for 35 double orphan children are as under:
    - (i) 14 Double orphans Infected with HIV/AIDS- Rs. 2050/per month X 14 = Rs. 28700/per month i.e. Rs. 3,44,400 for one year.
    - (ii) 21 Double orphans Affected by HIV/AIDS- Rs. 1750/per month X 21 = Rs. 36750/per month i.e. Rs. 4,41,000 for one year.

Total financial assistance for double orphans infected/ and affected children = Rs. 7,85,400/annum
9. The above said schemes of financial assistance will be implemented and monitored through the Delhi State AIDS Control Society. The administrative department for releasing the grants from Government will be the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Delhi.
10. For the last 4 months of this FY (Dec 2011-March 2012), a separate provision for Rs. 1, 82,61,800/- (i.e. Rs.1.83 Cr) is proposed to be made from the Grant in Aid Major Head 2210 and the amount may permitted to be transferred to DSACS for payment to the beneficiaries. Plan scheme for the year 2012-13 can include budgetary provision of Rs. 5,47,85,400 (i.e. 5.48 Cr) for financial assistance to People Living with HIV/AIDS and Orphan Children Infected/affected by HIV/AIDS in the major head 2210.
11. This cabinet note has been circulated to Planning, Law, Finance Departments and Social Welfare and Woman & Child Development for their comments. As instructed by Hon'ble MOH, since the matter is of urgent nature and the assistance package has been announced on the World AIDS Day on 1/12/2011, the departments are requested to furnish their comments in the Cabinet Meeting itself.
12. The note is placed before the Council of Ministers for their kind consideration and approval of the proposal as given in Para.4 and 7 of the note.

This note is issued with the prior approval of the Minister In charge i.e. Hon'ble Minister of Health & FW, Government of Delhi.



(Anshu Prakash)

Principal Secretary (Health & FW)



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GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
9TH LEVEL, DELHI SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI

No.1(136)/EEP/LFA/DSACS/08/ 7079 - 7121

Dated: 17/10/11

CIRCULAR

In the meeting of Delhi State AIDS Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi cum Chairperson of the Council expressed her concern about the cost of treatment/services provided to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs) at the nine Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centers in Delhi.

These PLHAs suffer from various infections, frequently requiring investigations like MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasound, Blood tests and other investigations which are beyond their affordability.

It is, therefore, decided to provide CT Scan, MRI, Ultrasound, Blood tests and other investigations available in your hospital, free of cost, to all PLHAs who are registered in any of the ART Centre of Delhi on producing their GREEN ART CARD. The need for BPL card is dispensed with in such cases. Further, PLHAs are also to be treated on priority.

Necessary instructions in this regard may be issued to all concerned departments. A proper record of the treatment/services provided to PLHAs be maintained. A report in the matter be submitted after three months.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi.

(Achla Singh)

Spl. Secretary (H&FW)

To

1. All Medical Superintendents, Delhi Government Hospitals.
2. The Project Director, Delhi State AIDS Control Society, Government of NCT of Delhi
3. The Nodal Officers, ART Centres under Govt., of Delhi (DDU Hospital, Dr. BSA Hospital, GTB Hospital and Lok Nayak hospital.
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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi for kind information of Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The Secretary to Hon'ble Health Minister of Delhi for kind information of Hon'ble Health Minister.

Spl. Secretary (H&FW)

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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION, RTE BRANCH  
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F.23 (25)/RTE/2012-13/HIV/ 385-401

Dated: 15/1/13

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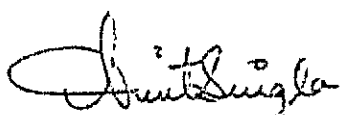
Subject: No discrimination against children suffering from HIV/AIDS.

Attention of Heads of all Government Private Recognized Aided/Private Recognized Unaided schools is drawn to various circulars/notifications issued from time to time regarding provisions of Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and Delhi Right to Education Rules, 2011 to the effect that all the children including disadvantaged differently-abled children have a right to free and compulsory education without any discrimination in the Schools of Delhi.

With the concurrence of Health & Family Welfare Department and Law & Justice Department, Heads of all Government Private Recognized Aided and Unaided Schools are further directed to ensure that :-

1. No child affected by HIV/AIDS is denied admission if otherwise eligible for admission to any class in the school.
2. The identity of such child should be kept confidential so that the child is not discriminated in any way in the school.
3. Such child should be given all the benefits for which he/she is eligible as a normal child.

Non compliance of these instructions will be viewed seriously.

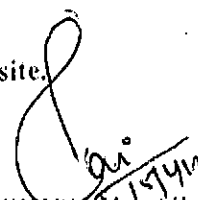
  
AMIT SINGLA (IAS)  
DIRECTOR (EDUCATION) 14/01/13

To

All Heads of Govt./Govt. Aided & Unaided Recognized Schools of Delhi for necessary compliance.

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