

WEST BENGAL

Summary

- **Ensure Treatment to PLHIV**
No denial of treatment to People Living with HIV by doctor or nurse
- **Free treatment**
Free diagnosis, , investigation and medicine to People Living with HIV.
- **Antyodaya Anna Yojana**
Extended the benefits of AAY (Food Grains) under Targeted Public Distribution System to People Living with HIV in subsidized price
- **Travel Concession in Road Transport**
Free travel pass to People Living with HIV.
- **Travel Concession in Railways**
50% concession in railway fare to People Living with HIV.
- **Financial Assistance to PLHIV**
Financial Assistance of Rs. 600/- per month to PLHIV.
- **Travel Passes to HIV Positive people using Govt. buses**
Facility of passes to HIV positive people using Government buses for treatment. .

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West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society

GN - 29, Sector - V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 91

Swasthya Bhawan, 1st Floor, Wing - B,

Ph.: 2357-6000, Fax No.: 2357-0122

Memo No: ACS/ ACS/3D-034-2011/ 2409

Date: 3.11.11

From:

The Director of Medical Education & Ex. Officio Secretary
Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Govt. of West Bengal.

To

The Director / Principal /
Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal / Superintendent
All Medical College and Hospitals

Sub:- Denial of Treatment, Investigation, Surgery and Delivery at Health Care facilities of HIV+ cases.

It has been reported that incidents of denial of treatments, investigations, surgeries and deliveries are occurring in different Medical College & Hospitals / District Hospitals / Sub Divisional Hospitals / Rural Hospitals / B.P.H.C.s regularly in spite of the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court that "No Doctor or Nurse shall refuse to treat a PLHA on account of his/her positive status." A communication has already been sent to all concerned vide memo No.ACS/ID-341-08/70 dated 20.01.2009 (Copy enclosed for ready reference).

The matter was taken with a serious note in the S.G.R.C. meeting in presence of Principal Secretary on 14th September, 2011. The meeting minutes is also attached for your ready reference.

In this regard you are directed to take necessary steps to communicate all concerned to stop such practices of denial of treatment and harassing the people living with HIV/AIDS attending at OPD / IPD / ER / Labour room / Surgical OT for treatment with immediate effect.

Department of Health & Family Welfare will not be responsible if any complaint of contempt of Hon'ble Supreme Court is lodged in the Court of Law hence forth.

[Signature]
Director of Medical Education
& Ex. Officio Secretary
Govt. of West Bengal

Memo No: ACS/ ACS/3D-034-2011/ 2409/1 (7)

Date: 3.11.11

Copy for information to the:

1. Secretary & Director General, NACO.
2. Principal Secretary, Deptt Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal.
3. Project Director, WBSAP&CS
4. Assistant Director General (CST), NACO.
5. National Programme Officer (ART), NACO.
6. Joint Director (CST), WBSAP&CS
7. Guard file.

[Signature]
Director of Medical Education
& Ex. Officio Secretary
Govt. of West Bengal

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COMPENDIUM OF BENEFITS FOR PLWHAS

Attn: Super Islampur S.D. Hospital.

Government of West Bengal
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Swasthya Bhavan (1st Floor)
No.29, Block-GN, Sector-V, Wing-'B'
Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar
Kolkata - 700 091.

Memo No. ACS/IM-55-07/3257

Date: 24/11/11

From: Project Director, & Ex-Officio Special Secretary
WBSAP&CS

MEMORANDUM

The Dept. was considering the proposal for providing all kinds of medicines and all kinds of clinical investigations for the HIV/Aids patients irrespective of BPL status at no cost.

After careful consideration, the Governor is pleased to accord administrative approval to the proposal for providing free medicines as well as free investigations for the treatment of all types of HIV/AIDS patients in Government facilities.

- 2) The Governor is further pleased to approve the list of drugs as per annexure I which will be supplied from Government facilities for both OPD and IPD patients as per prescription. The hospital authority will ensure the supply of regular drugs which are available for the treatment of other patients towards the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. The necessary expenditure for the purpose will be made out of normal non-plan fund allotted to the facilities.

The Dept. also provides the necessary fund for procurement and supply of occasionally prescribed medicines through SACS for the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients.

- 3) The Governor is also pleased to direct that the HIV patients will be eligible to get the investigations at free of cost as per annexure III and annexure IV. The hospital authority will ensure the priority on fixing up of dates for investigations which will be prescribed for HIV/AIDS patients. In case of CT Scan & MRI done under PPP model the PLHA should be considered as free cases on priority basis.

- 4) The supply of drugs as per annexure II from NACO fund will be continued as per guideline issued by the NACO time to time.

This order will take effect from 1st December, 2008.

All concerned are being informed accordingly.


24.11.11
Project Director & e.o. Special Secretary
WBSAPCS

ANNEXURE – I**List of Drugs to be supplied from Govt. of West Bengal**

| | Drugs to be supplied by the Institution where ART Centre is located from their normal fund | | Medicines to be supplied by the SACS as per requisitions from ART Centres and Medical College & Hospitals |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1. | Metronidazole 400 mg. | 1. | Inj. Cefazidime (1 gm.) |
| 2. | Albendazole 400 mg. | 2. | Inj. Meropenam (1 gm.) |
| 3. | Ciprofloxacin 500 mg. | 3. | Inj. Piperacillin / Tazobactam (4.5 gm.) |
| 4. | Prednisolone 10 mg. | 4. | Inj. Ceftriaxone / Tazobactam (1.25 gm.) |
| | | 5. | Inj. Alevo (500 mg.) |
| | | 6. | Inj. Midazolam (25 mg.) |
| | | 7. | Inj. Pantopazole (40 mg.) |
| | | 8. | Tab. Sulfadoxime (500 mg.) + Pyrimethamine (25 mg.) |

for

Bipendra Narayan Sanyal

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Government of West Bengal
Food and Supplies Department
11 A, Mirza Ghalib Street.
Kolkata-700087

Principal Secretary may
kindly like to see.

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5/01/2012

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No.7473 - FS/Secff/Food/ZN - 1/2011

Date:29/12/2011

ORDER

In pursuance of order dated 26/03/2009 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.535/1998 and as per instruction issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001 in their letter no.13(15)/2009 - PD - III dated 3.6.2009 for revision of the existing lists of AAY families, delete ineligible BPL families therefrom and include all eligible BPL families of HIV positive persons in the AAY list on priority basis against the criteria mentioned in Para 2(b) and 2(c) of the guidelines for identification of AAY families vide their D.O.letter no.6(5)/2005 - PD - I dated 12.5.2005 within respective ceilings on number of AAY families, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor is pleased to order for inclusion of all eligible BPL families of HIV positive persons in the AAY scheme under Targeted Public Distribution System on priority basis without waiting for the household survey and with the help of the following criteria:

The organizations as supplied by the Project Director, West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society (as per enclosed list) of District level Networks(DLN) of PLHIVs shall submit list of eligible HIV positive persons with relevant documents to the concerned District Controller, Food & Supplies for getting AAY cards and the District Controller, Food & Supplies shall submit proposal for inclusion of those eligible HIV positive persons in AAY list before the respective District Magistrate for approval.

For deletion of ineligible AAY families from the existing list the criteria i.e household survey conducted by the Panchayet and Rural Development and the Municipal Affairs Department should be adopted.

This order will take place with immediate effect.

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By order of the Governor

Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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No. 7473/1(60) - FS/Sectt/Food/2N - 1/2011

Date:29/12/2011

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action:

1. The Director, Dte of DDP&S, F&S Deptt.
2. The Director, Dte of Rationing, F&S Deptt.
3. All DMs, W.B.
4. All DC, F&S Deptt
5. All Organizations (as per enclosed list)
- ✓ 6. The Project Director, West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society,
Swastha Bhawan, 1st Floor, Wing - B, GN - 29, Sector - V, Salt lake City, Kolkata - 700091

By order of the Governor

Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

No.7473/1(60)/2(2) - FS/Sectt/Food/2N - 1/2011

Date:29/12/2011

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action:

1. The Under Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.
2. Dr.Md.Shaukat, AGD(CST), Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of AIDS Control, 36 Janpath, New Delhi.

By order of the Governor

Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

| SL No | Name of the Organization | District | Address | Contract person name & Detail | Category |
|-------|--|--------------------|--|--|----------|
| 1 | (BSP+) Burdwan Society Of People Living With HIV/AIDS | Burdwan | Rashikpur, Ward No-3, near Masjidhata, Bardhaman, Pin: 713141 | Dinamath Garmi-09735802268 / 09232530987(O) Counselor- Piyush Sarkar 9674485956 E-mail: bdnplus@gmail.com | A |
| 2 | (KNP+) Kolkata Network for people living With HIV/AIDS | Kolkata | 23B Shibnarayan Das Lane Kolkata- 700006 | Mr. Goutam Panja Ph: 033-65345909/09007613110 Counselor- Ms. Papia Majumdar - 9331714958 E-mail: knpplus2002@gmail.com | A |
| 3 | SPARSHA | Kolkata | AE- 36, Rahindrapalli, P.O- Pratulla Kanai, Kolkata-700101 | Mr. Shyamal Kulya-9732719676/ Ph: 033- 25910334/ 9810222776 E-mail: plvha@gmail.com, sparsa1998@gmail.com Gautam Pramanik- Ph- 9232513821 pnpplus@rediffmail.com | A |
| 4 | Purulia Society for people living with HIV/AIDS (PSP+) | Purulia | Behind ADM Bangla, near- water tank, Ranchi Road, Purulia | Ms. Unnat Mahant Ph: 9233266814/0973586642(M) Counselor- Mithun Majumdar- 9851779367 Email: udsplus@rediffmail.com udsplus@gmail.com | A |
| 5 | (UDSP+)Uttar Dinajpur, Society For People Living With HIV/AIDS | Uttar Dinajpur | S. K Sound Building, Sonakoda Road (1 st Floor), Ismail Chowk, Islampur, Uttar Dinajpur, Pin: 733202 | Mr. Pintu Sekh, Ph- 947495304, (O)7872090269 mplus@rediffmail.com | B |
| 6 | Murshidabad Society for people living with HIV/AIDS (MSP+) | Murshidabad | 53/1 ecc land road, Khatacala, Baharampur, Pin- 742101 | Mr. Hari Chetri Ph: 09832337120/09832560340(M)s E-mail: na_shanter2006@yahoo.co.in, shankarfoundation@gmail.com | B |
| 7 | Sankar Foundation | Darjeeling | Upperloch nagar, c/o Mr. pasang Sherpa, below Divya vani Darjeeling, Pin: 734101 | Mr. Sahindra Chandra Das, Ph: 9434983452 Counselor- Mr. Prem Kumar Kunwar-9832495372 Email: sangoboddhos@gmail.com | B |
| 8 | Sangoboddho | Darjeeling(Plains) | Chakrikata Jana kalia Sanstha, 1 st Floor, P.O- Sasrutnagar, Near NBMCH, Dist- Darjeeling- 734003, Jalpaiguri Society for People Living HIV/AIDS, Matri Bhawan, Vivekananda Pali, Near ICDS Office, Maynaguri, Jalpaiguri- 735224 | 9832684977- Ms. Rina Das Counselor- Sharbani Mandal- 9883403223 sharbanimdl@gmail.com, mani_1135@yahoo.com Email: jspplus@gmail.com, jspplus_jal@yahoo.co.in | B |
| 9 | JSP+Jalpaiguri Network of people living with HIV/AIDS | Jalpaiguri | | Counselor- Mr. Shyamal kulja Ph: 9732719676 Ranjana Sourav Das-9830161726 Arnisha Roy Chowdhury- 9674050939 E-mail: plvha@yahoo.co.in Sparsa purbamedinipur@gmail.com | B |
| 10 | SPARSHA | Purba Medinipur | Vill- Basudevpur, P.S & P.O- Nandakumar, Dist: Purba Medinipur | | B |

| S.L No | Name of the Organization | District | Address | Contract person name & Detail | Category |
|--------|--|-------------------|---|---|----------|
| 11 | Nadia District for People Living with HIV/AIDS Society | Nadia | Anjanapara gokhel Road, 1st Left Duta house Krishnanagar, Nadia, Pin: 741101 | Ms. Arati Das Ph: 0923250462/973562379(M)/ 9735590068 Counselor- Khudiram Kundu- 9232604891 mail-ndpplus07@yahoo.co.in,ndpplus@rediffmail.com, ndpplus@gmail.com | C |
| 12 | (BKSP+) Bankura Society Of People Living With Hiv/Aids | Bankura | Lokpur, Bakulata, Behind Ladies Hostel, Bankura, Pin: 722101 | Mr. Kinkar Ch Mondal Ph: 03242641824/ 9434227276(M) Counselor- Manomohan Mondal- 9434135146 E- mail: bkupplus@gmail.com | C |
| 13 | SPARSHA | Paschim Medinipur | VIII- Panchberia, P.S- Daspur, Dist- Paschim Medinipur. | Mr. Snyamal Kuliya-9732719676/ 03325910334 E- mail: plvhat@yahoo.co.in spashaschimmedinipurdic@gmail.com | C |
| 14 | (NHP+) Network of Hooghly for People Living with HIV/AIDS | Hooghly | 26A/1, Raja K.L. Goswami Street, Srirampur, Hooghly, Pin: 712201 | Mr. SK Sajahan Ph: 033 65152660/09830685471(M) Counselor- Himadri Sekhar Majumder (office no.) E- mail: nhplus@yahoo.co.in | C |
| 15 | (HNP+) Howrah Network of People Living With HIV/AIDS | Howrah | VIII & P.O- Dhulaguri, P.S- Sankrile, Dist- Howrah, Pin: 711302 | Ms. Sujata Sarkar Ph: 033 64153638/09830565261 Counselor- Prasmita Singha 9614202868 Email: hnpplus@gmail.com | C |
| 16 | (SNP+) South 24 Parganas Network for people Living With HIV/AIDS | South 24 Parganas | Sonarpur, East Nova Para, Gorkkhto talar math, South 24 Pgs, Pin: 700150 | Mr. Kishish Mondal Ph: 033-24347910/09732682644(M) Counselor- Arundhati Chakraborty- 9231937594/9674488392 Email: snpplus_network@rediffmail.com | C |
| 17 | (NNP+) North 24 Parganas Network for people living with HIV/AIDS | North 24 Parganas | 82/C, Bonomaliapur, Barasat 24pgs(N) Kolkata- 700124 | Mr. Samir Biswas Ph: 033 64162691/033 25844266, 09433139752(M) Counselor- Payel Chatterjee- 9432801793 E- mail- nnpbarasat1@gmail.com | C |
| 18 | (CSP+) Coochbihar Society For People Living with HIV/AIDS | Coochbihar | H.N Road, Golbagan, (Near riv and pump house opposite side) Coochbehari Pin: 736101 | Mr. Binode Barman Ph: 09749084357(M) Counselor- Bikramjit adhikary- 09775474812 Email: csplus@rediffmail.com | C |

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|----|--|---------------------|--|--|---|
| 19 | (DDSP+) Dakshin Dinajpur Society of People Living With HIV/AIDS | Dakshin Dinajpur | Raghunathpur Bazar (Near Ghosh Enterprise), P.O.- Belata Park, P.S.-Balurghat, Dist.-Dakshin Dinajpur | Mr. Moyazzam Hossain Ph: 973344496/9733384514(M) Counsellor- Durjay Das- +919733385598 maildurjay@gmail.com durjay@rocketmail.com ddspplus@rediffmail.com Add:- Fulbari(Near Vodafone Tower), Po:-Fulbari, Ps:- Gangaram Pur, Dist:- Dakshin Dinaj Pur, Pin:-733140. Phone:-9733384514/9733452383. Office phone-933082584 E-mail:-ddspplus@rediffmail.com DLN CONTACT PERSON Name:- Moyazzam Hossain Designation:- President contact No:-9733384514. E-mail ID:-moyazzamhossain@gmail.com | C |
| 20 | (BBSF+) Birbhum Bolepure People Living With HIV/AIDS Society) | Birbhum | Netaji Road, Nichu patti, Near Adva Sakti Club, Bolpur Shantinikaran, Birbhum, Pin: 731204 | Mr. Sashti Laha Ph: 03463641573/0947430751(M) Counsellor- Habibur Rahaman Gazi (9232311130) Email: bbsplus@gmail.com | C |
| 21 | (MSF+) Maldah Society For People Living with HIV/AIDS | Maldah | Kanimore, Bidhan Pally, P.O.- Jhaljhalia, Maldah, Pin-732102 | Mr. Bablu Chowdhury Ph: 9847765867/9333087089 Email: msplus09@rediffmail.com | C |

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Government of West Bengal
Department of Food & Supplies
Directorate of District Distribution, Food & Supply
1/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata - 700 087

Memo No. 326

/FMR/HS-14/09

Date 22/01/09

From : Director, DDP&S

To: The Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Government of West Bengal,
Swasthya Bhawan, PIN-29, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091

Sir,

With a view to ensuring food security to the people suffering from AIDS & HIV Positive, Leprosy having low family income and who possess APL ration card/No ration card but living in poverty, may be issued with AAY ration card. For identification of such beneficiaries as well as issuance of AAY ration card to them, list of beneficiaries from the District CMOH, Deputy CMOH-II giving therein category of ration card (APL/BPL/AAY) held by each now is required at the earliest.

He is requested to instruct the respective CMOH, Deputy CMOH-II in the districts so that District Controllers, Food & Supplies may get the list of beneficiaries forthwith.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

Director,
DDP&S

Memo No. 326/1/09

/F&S/HS-14/09

Date 22/01/09

Copy forwarded for necessary action to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble MLC, Food & Supplies Department, West Bengal
2. PS to Commissioner, Food, Govt of West Bengal
- 3-20 All District Magistrate, Government of West Bengal are requested to co-ordinate the entire matter at his level for successful implementation of the scheme since proposed for extension.

21-38 All District Controller, Food & Supplies, Government of West Bengal- With request to take up the matter with CMOH, Deputy CMOH-II of his district for having such list. He is also requested to let this Directorate know the numbers of such beneficiaries identified under AIDS/HIV (and) Leprosy suffering category separately giving details of card (APL/BPL/AAY) held by such beneficiaries now.

Director,
DDP&S

West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society

(A society promoted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India
And Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal)

No.: ACS/1M-115-89/348

Dated: 2.3.2012

From: The Project Director
WBSAP&CS

To: The Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health II
_____ District

Subject: Inclusion of all eligible BPL families of HIV positive persons in the AAY scheme

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the GO No. 7473 - FS/Sectt/Food/2N - 1/2011 dated 29.12.2011 regarding inclusion of all eligible BPL families of HIV infected persons in the Antyodaya Anna Yojana scheme under Targeted Public Distribution System on priority basis.

You are requested to prepare a list of the HIV positive BPL families in consultation with the District Level Network of the People living with HIV/AIDS (DLN) of your district and submit the same to the District Controller, Food & Supplies Department (DCFS) of the district under your signature. As per order no. 7473 - FS/Sectt/Food/2N - 1/2011 dated 29.12.2011 of the F&S Department, Government of West Bengal. The DLNs are to submit the draft list of such BPL families to you along with the documents in support of both BPL status and PLHA status.

In this regard, you are hereby requested to advise the DLN of your district to first submit to you the name, father's name, address of the office bearer of DLN, authorized to send the names of eligible PLHA families (BPL) to you, for forwarding it further to DCFS. Copy of the EPIC of the authorized person should also be furnished by the DLN.

The list that will be furnished by the DLNs may please be verified at your end before sending the same to the DCFS of your district with your recommendations.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Quomby. 1/3/2012

Project Director

Swasthya Bhawan, Wing- B, GN- 29, Sector- V, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091
Ph- 2333-0526, Fax- 2337-0122, Website: www.wbhealth.gov.in/wbsapcs

No.: ACS/IM-115-09/348/1(10)

Dated: 2.3.2012

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Food and Supplies Department.
2. The Director, Dte. of DDP&S, F&S Deptt.
3. The Director, Dte of Rationing, F&S Deptt.
4. The District Magistrate, _____ District
5. The Chief Medical Officer of Health, _____ District
6. The Joint Director (CST/ TI/ Blood Safety/ Finance), WBSAP&CS
7. The Deputy Director (Blood Safety/ STI/ ICTC/ Surveillance), WBSAP&CS
8. The President, Bengal Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (BNP+)
9. All District Level Network of people living with HIV/AIDS
10. Office Copy

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Project Director, WBSAPCS

R. K. Maity, IAS

JOINT SECRETARY
TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
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No.110(5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07

16.06.2009

To

1. The Managing Director, CSTC
2. The Managing Director, NBSTC
3. The Managing Director, WBSTC Ltd.
4. The Managing Director, CTC Ltd.
5. The Managing Director, SBSTC

Dr. Gannir/Dr. Solin B...

Sub: Travelling pass for HIV positive people.

Ref. No. ACS/852 dated 2.6.09 of Project Director, West Bengal State AIDS
Prevention & Control Society.

Sir (s),

The reference no. ACS/852 dated 2.6.09 is enclosed herewith which will
speak for itself.

You have taken steps to issue Free Travelling Passes for the said purpose
in view of this office memo no. No.128 (5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07
dated 03.06.2008. The context of the letter of Project Director, West Bengal State
AIDS Prevention & Control Society may kindly be attended and I do request you
to use the term "LIFE CHALLENGED" on the passes being issued by you to the
persons suffering from AIDS and require treatment at the ART Centers.

Your best cooperation is solicited on humanitarian ground.

Yours faithfully

Encls: As above.

R.K. Maity

No. 110(5)/1(1)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07 dated 16.06.2009

Copy forwarded and necessary action to:

- ✓ 1. Mr. Susanta Kumar Sen, Project Director, West Bengal State AIDS Prevention
& Control Society, Swasthya Bhawan, 1st floor, Wing-B, GN 29, Sec-V, Salt Lake
City, Kolkata-700 091, FAX No. 23570122 ...for his kind information

Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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No.....No.128(5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07

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Dated 03.06.2008

To

1. The Managing Director, CSTC
2. The Managing Director, NBSTC
3. The Managing Director, WBSTC Ltd.
4. The Managing Director, CTC Ltd.
5. The Managing Director, SBSTC

Sub: Facility of passes to HIV positive people for using Government buses for treatment.

Ref. This office memo No.TS-184/08 dated 28.3.2008 of Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Transport Department

Sir (s),

It is well-known to you that the free travel facility will be extended to the persons traveling alone or with an escort in State Transport buses for the following category. **"Persons suffering from AIDS with adequate evidence."**

In this context, it is bring to your knowledge that a list of persons suffering from AIDS who require treatment at the ART Centers could not be disclosed to maintain confidentiality as per NACO guidelines. Alternatively, In-charge of respective ART centers will issue necessary medical certificates to the patients suffering from AIDS attending the concerned ART centers alone or with an escort. Necessary format of the medical certificate to be used by the In-Charge of the respective ART centers is annexed for ready reference. It may be mentioned that following ART centers are functioning in West Bengal for treatment of AIDS.

1. STM, Kolkata
2. NBMC&H, Siliguri
3. BMCH, Burdwan
4. MMCH, Midnapore

So, I do request you to take necessary actions early so that AIDS patients may avail the necessary Free Travel Facilities and to provide necessary PASS having medical certificate of the concerned patients suffering from AIDS to be available from the concerned ART centers.

Actions taken may kindly be intimated to this end. A monthly progress report to be sent in each month to this end about the number of passes issued to such category of patients from the State Transport Corporation.

Yours faithfully,

Recd 03/06/08
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal
No. 128(5)/1(5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07 dated 03.06.2008
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- ✓ 1. The Project Director and ex-officio Secretary, Government of West Bengal, WBSAP & CS, GN-29, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-91 FAX No. 23570122
2. The ART centers In-charge, STM, Kolkata,
3. The ART Centers In-charge, NBMCNH, Siliguri,
4. The ART Centers In-charge, MBCH, Burdwan,
5. The ART Centers In-charge, MMCH, Midnapore

Recd 03/06/08
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

C.C.M's Office,
14, Strand Road (8th floor),
Kolkata-1.

No.R.Con.45/193/AIDS.

Dt: 24.03.2008

To
The Divl. Railway Manager,
S.E. Railway, KGP/CKP/ADRA/RNC.

The Sr. Divl. Comm'l. Manager,
S.E. Rly., KGP/CKP/ADRA/RNC.

The D.T.M/S.E. Rly., HWH.

The A.R.M/S.E. Rly., TATA/RNC/ROU/BNDM/BKSC/BURN/BQA/SHM.

The CBS/S.E. Rly., KGP/PRR/CKP/HWH/RSBO.

The CRS/S.E. Rly., OKB/RSBO/HWH/TATA/ROU/RNC.

The F&SCAO/C.P.R.O/DY.CAO(TA)/S.E. Rly., GRC, Kol-43.

The SCM(TC)/ACM(OKB)/Refunds/S.E. Rly., Kol.

The General Manager, CRIS/14, Strand Rd. (2nd fl.), Kol-1.

He is requested to please do the needful from his end.

The DY.CCM(DB)/PRS/Kol/14, Strand Rd. (2nd fl.), Kol-1.

SPTM & UTS Cell/S.E. Rly., 14, Strand Rd./Kol-1.

The CCM(P)/E. Rly., 14, Strand Rd. (2nd fl.)/Kol-1. He is
requested to please do the needful from his end.

The SCM/UTS/S.E. Rly., Kolkata-1. He is requested to take necessary action.

The Secretary, Deptt. of Health, Govt. of West Bengal,
Writers' Building, Kolkata-1.

The Chief Medical Director,
Central Hospital, S.E. Rly., GRC, Kol-43.

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. 8(WC)/2008

Sub: Grant of concession to AIDS patients for
treatment at nominated ART (Anti Retroviral
Therapy) Centres.

As announced by Hon'ble MR on 26.02.2008 in the
Budget speech for 2008-09, Ministry of Railways have decided
to grant concession in train fares to AIDS patients, for
treatment at nominated ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Centres
(list enclosed) and return after treatment. The element of
concession will be 50% in Second class only (and not sleeper
or any other class).

2. Concession will be admissible in basic Mail/Express
fares only and not in other charges like reservation fee,
superfast surcharge, development surcharge, etc. which shall
be recovered in full as per existing rules. Concession will be
granted directly by Station Masters on production of the certi-
ficate in prescribed form issued by Officer-in-charge of the
concerned ART centre where the patient is to be treated or has
been treated. Specimen copies of the prescribed Concession
Certificates for outward and return journeys are enclosed
concession will be admissible without any Minimum distance limit,
subject to the distance restrictions otherwise applicable in

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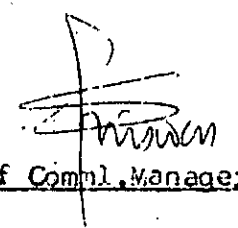
individual Mail/Express trains. Concession will not be admissible in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi/Garib Rath trains. This concession will be admissible subject to other conditions mentioned in rule 101 of IRCA Coaching Tariff no.25 Part.I(Vol.II) .

3. These instructions will come into effect on tickets issued from 01.04.2008 .

4. Necessary instructions may be issued to all concerned immediately and suitable changes incorporated in PRS , manual ticketing system , SPTM , UTS , etc. wherever required well in advance . Wide publicity through various media may be given at regular intervals . Divisions may arrange to send specimen copies of the certificates to concerned ART centers situated in their Divisions and also advise them about this concession . Health Departments of concerned State Governments may also be advised in this regard .

Matter is most urgent .

DA: As above .


for Chief Compl. Manager(Genl.)

(Authority: Rly.Board's letter no.TC-11/2196/07/AIDS/Policy
dt.14.03.2008) .

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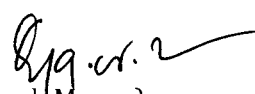
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To reduce out of pocket expenses and compensate for wage loss and transport cost, a state specific scheme of monetary support (fixed) to the People Living with HIV (PLHIV) and on ART is being launched. The objectives are mainly to improve ART adherence of PLHIVs on ART, to optimize Nevirapine coverage and timely HIV testing of the HIV exposed babies for their HIV-free survival benefits and any other intervention to assist the PLHIVs economically. The detailed Work Action Plan of the same including the specific inclusion and exclusion criteria, fund requisition forms (for general and ANC clients) is enclosed herewith (Annexure).

The scheme has already been rolled out at ART Centre, Darjeeling District Hospital, Darjeeling and now is being implemented across the state.

This has got the approval of the competent authority.

Encl : As stated.


(Onkar Singh Meena)
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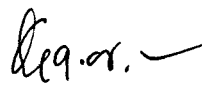
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Guidelines for Travel support for PLHIVs on Anti Retroviral Treatment :

Background note:

ART defaulter is the most important reason behind mortality of the PLHIV on ART and emergence of drug resistant HIV in the community. Distance of ART centre from the client's residence is one of the most important reasons for ART drop out or non adherence. ART is a lifelong medicine and it is to be collected by the eligible clients regularly (mostly monthly) from ART centre (or LAC/LAC Plus/FI-ART Centre). Due to distance factor involved, it has been decided to compensate their wage loss as well as out of pocket travel expenses for attending ART Centres for collecting ART drugs and their clinical check-up. All the eligible clients will be reimbursed a fixed amount of monetary support annually to meet their wage loss and out of pocket travel expenses. This endeavour also aims at improving Nevirapine coverage and timely testing of HIV exposed baby for their HIV free survival benefit.

Goal:

To reduce out of pocket expenses and compensate for wage loss and transport cost with ultimate objective to reduce HIV related morbidity and mortality of the HIV infected clients and HIV exposed babies.

Objective:

- *To improve ART adherence of PLHIVs on ART*
- *To optimize Nevirapine coverage and timely HIV testing of the HIV exposed babies*
- *Any other intervention to assist the PLHIVs economically*

Beneficiaries of the scheme:

PLHIVs on ART (Both general/Non-ANC clients and Pregnant women)

Inclusion Criteria:

- *Client should be initiated on ART and having more than 95% adherence during the last twelve months*
- *HIV positive pregnant woman whose exposed baby has received Nevirapine/other ARV prophylaxis for a minimum duration of six weeks (if not stopped beforehand due to medical indication)*
- *Client should have a valid bank account at any public/private/ co-operative Bank/Regional Rural Bank (RRB)/Gramin Bank with core banking service (CBS) and NEFT/RTGS facility.*

- *Clients after initiation of ART, had to stop ARV medicine due to medical reason duly certified by Nodal Officer ART centre.*

Exclusion Criteria:

- *Clients who have less than 95% adherence in any occasion during the last twelve months*

Monetary support:

- All positive clients on ART will be given a sum of Rs. six hundred only (Rs.600/-) annually.
- All new ART initiated clients will be given a sum of Rs. six hundred only (Rs.600/-) at the time of ART initiation. Further annual disbursement will depend upon the inclusion criteria laid down earlier.
- All positive pregnant women will be offered the same benefit on ART initiation at ART Centre.
 - The positive mother will be given an additional sum of Rs.800/-(Eight hundred only) on completion of at least six weeks continuous Nevirapine/ARV prophylaxis and getting Early Infant Diagnosis test done for her baby. The amount will only be given provided both the conditions are met. For multiple pregnancy (like twin, triplets etc), the mother will be offered the amount multiplied by number of eligible babies (e.g., for twin live babies completing both the prophylaxis and EID test, mother should receive an amount of $\text{Rs.}800 \times 2 = \text{Rs.}1600$). However, all positive pregnant women will be eligible for this benefit for two successful pregnancies only during her lifetime. This benefit will not be extended beyond twice in her lifetime.

Operational Framework:

- To avail this benefit a prescribed requisition form (Annexure-A1 for general/non-ANC clients and/or A2 for pregnant mother – as the case may be) is to be filled up either by the beneficiary himself/herself or by the concerned ARTC staff. The form should be filled up in legible handwriting where the client's ART registration number, name of the ART Centre, Name of the Bank, account number, type of the account, branch name, branch code, IFSC code, mobile number of beneficiary or his/her spouse or any adult member of his/her family, e-mail address, if available and Aadhaar number, if available are to be filled up properly. The form should have the signature or verified thumb impression of the beneficiary as well as signature alongwith official seal of the ART Nodal Officer or Medical Officer of the said ART Centre.
- The duly filled up form should be scanned and sent to WBSAP&CS via e-mail to a particular dedicated e mail ID for this purpose. (grant4plhiv@gmail.com) .WBSAP&CS

will transfer the requisite amount to the client's bank account as per requisition form .All the PLHIVs who are on ART will be provided with the said scheme benefit on launch of the scheme. Subsequent release of fund however, will depend on PLHIVs' eligibility for the same as per the inclusion criteria as already stated.

- For positive pregnant mother, upon completion of six week Nevirapine/ARV prophylaxis and after the first sample collection of the HIV exposed baby for HIV diagnosis under EID program, Medical Officer in Charge of the ICTC (Taking care for both the conditions) will issue a certificate in prescribed format (Annexure-B) in triplicate. One copy will be kept by the ICTC for future reference (for documentation purpose), two copies will be delivered to Client who will eventually submit one copy to the ART Centre from which she is collecting ART drugs. ART Centre will fill up the requisition form (Annexure-A1 and/or A2) and submit as stated before. In case the baby has completed Nevirapine/ARV prophylaxis from one ICTC and EID testing is performed from other ICTC, the later ICTC will provide the photocopy of TRRF form to the client or will issue a formal letter by Medical Officer in Charge of the ICTC to the former ICTC. The former ICTC will issue the certificate for the same which will be submitted to ART Centre by the client.
- If the necessary fund has not been transferred to the account of the beneficiary, grievance may be intimated to the same mail ID by the ART Centre mentioning the formal details (like- client's ART registration number, name of the ART centre, Name of the Bank, account number, type of account, branch name, IFSC code, mobile number, e mail ID and Aadhaar number) and date of requisition.
- The data entry operator or counsellor of the ART Centre will maintain a database in excel format keeping all the details of the client like name, date of ART initiation, client's ART registration number, name of the ART centre, Name of the Bank, account number, type of account, branch name, IFSC code, mobile number, e mail ID and Aadhaar number, date of 1st requisition, purpose of the requisition (For travel support to collect ART or for providing comprehensive prophylactic/ diagnostic facility to the HIV exposed baby) next date of requisition. Annexure-C will provide an idea on how to keep the record. At the start of each calendar month, ART staff has to check whom of the old beneficiaries are becoming eligible for next travel reimbursement during this month.
- All the transferred-In patient from the ART Centre from other state(s) will be treated as new case and the first travel support benefit should be requisitioned on the first ARV collection date in new ART Centre after transferred-in. In case of intra state transfer, the transferring ART Centre will send a formal e-mail to the transferred ART Centre with a copy to CST division of WBSAP&CS regarding the client's transfer out mentioning the last date of receipt of travel support and whether the client has received any such support for her baby (For PPTCT purpose) and if so, then for how many times. The new ART Centre (to which the client got new enrolment after transfer out) will start doing

requisition after completion of twelve months from the date of received of last financial benefit.

- Before requisition of next travel support, the ART staff has to see whether the client has taken ART for the last twelve months uninterruptedly and adherence rate was more than 95%. If a client has less than 95% adherence in any month, the next date for becoming eligible for next travel support requisition, will be twelve months after adherence resumed to be more than 95% for the client. If ART has to be stopped in between due to Medical indication, adherence criteria should not be taken into account for next requisition.
- ART Centre will make necessary communications – both verbal to each client as well as in form of poster(s) regarding the scheme and its benefits.

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Fund Requisition Form (for General/Non-ANC Client)

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| Name of the ART Centre : | |
| Client's ART registration number : | |
| Name of the Bank : | |
| Branch name : | |
| Branch Code : | |
| IFSC code : | |
| Account number : | |
| Type of Account (Current/Savings) : | |
| Mobile number (Of Beneficiary or Spouse or any adult family member) : | |
| Email Address (If available) : | |
| Aadhaar number (If available) : | |
| Date of requisition : | |
| Remarks (If any): | |

Signature or verified thumb impression of
the Beneficiary

Signature and official seal of the Nodal
Officer, ART Centre or Medical Officer

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Fund Requisition Form for ANC Client

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| Name of the ART Centre : | |
| Client's ART registration number : | |
| Name of the Bank : | |
| Branch name : | |
| Branch Code : | |
| IFSC code : | |
| Account number : | |
| Type of Account (Current/Savings): | |
| Mobile number (Beneficiary or Spouse or any adult family member) : | |
| Email Address (If available) : | |
| Aadhaar number (If available) : | |
| Date of requisition : | |
| Purpose of requisition : (Travel support for ARV Drugs collection or for PPTCT) | |
| If PPTCT purpose, whether availed such scheme earlier (Plz. specify): | |
| Amount to be requisitioned: | |
| Remarks (If any): | |

Signature or verified thumb impression of
the Beneficiary

Signature and official seal of the Nodal
Officer, ART Centre or Medical Officer

ANNEXURE-B (Certificate from ICTC stating completion of six week Nevirapine and first test under EID done):

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*This is to certify that (Name of the baby) baby of..... (Mother's name) of residential address.....
..... has completed six weeks of Nevirapine/ARV prophylaxis following birth to prevent HIV transmission through vertical route. The baby has also undergone first test under Early Infant Diagnosis to screen HIV status.*

Full name : Medical Officer-ICTC

Name of the ICTC :

Signature alongwith official seal :

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From: P.K.Dutta, IAS,
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Kolkata-700040.
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Paribahan Bhaban,
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12 R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kol-1
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Sub: Facility of passes to HIV positive people using Government buses for treatment

As already known to all concerned, Free Travel Facility is extended to the persons belonging to the category, "Persons suffering from AIDS with adequate evidence" and travelling alone or with an escort in State Transport buses as per this Department earlier Memo No. 128(5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07 dated 3.6.2008 read with 110(5)-JSRM/81-JSRM/PREVENT-AIDS/07 dated 16.06.2009.

In this context, it is for information of all concerned that no list of persons suffering from AIDS, who require treatment at the ART centers, can be disclosed to maintain confidentiality as per NACO guidelines. ART center-in-charges, instead, will issue necessary Medical Certificate to the persons suffering from AIDS and attending the concerned ART centers. It may be mentioned that the following ART centers (previous four plus another twelve recently added) are functioning in West Bengal for treatment of AIDS:-

1. School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata
2. Calcutta Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata
3. R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata
4. M.R. Bangur Hospital, Kolkata
5. S.S.K.M. Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata
6. Midnapore Medical College Hospital, Midnapore
7. Burdwan Medical College Hospital, Burdwan
8. Islampur Subdivisional Hospital, Uttar Dinajpur
9. Malda Medical College and Hospital, Malda
10. North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, Darjeeling
11. Chinsurah Sadar Hospital, Hooghly
12. Barasat District Hospital, North 24 Parganas
13. Murshidabad Medical College Hospital, Murshidabad
14. Ghatal Subdivisional Hospital, Paschim Medinipur
15. Darjeeling District Hospital, Darjeeling
16. Coochbehar District Hospital, Coochbehar

The undersigned is directed to request for necessary action early so that AIDS patients having necessary Medical Certificates may avail Free Travel Facilities for attending the concerned ART centers alone or with an escort on the strength of necessary passes to be issued by the State Transport Corporations concerned.

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Commissioner, Transport Department

by forwarded for information to:

1. The Project Director and ex –officio Secretary, Government of West Bengal, WBSAP & CS,GN-29,Sector-V,Salt Lake City, Kolkata- 91
2. The ART Center In-charge, School of Tropical Medicine ,Kolkata
 3. The ART Center In-charge, Calcutta Medical College &Hospital, Kolkata
 4. The ART Center In-charge, R.G.Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata
 5. The ART Center In-charge, M.R.Bangur Hospital, Kolkata
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