

GUIDELINES OF HEALTH MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY GRANT (HMDG)

1. Introduction

1.1 Financial Assistance up to a maximum of Rs. 1,25,000/- is available to the poor indigent patients from the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant to defray a part of the expenditure on Hospitalization/treatment in Government Hospitals for life threatening diseases covered under RAN in cases where free medical facilities are not available.

2. Criteria laid down for sanctioning grants

2.1 The broad criteria laid down for sanctioning such grants are:

- (i) Reimbursement of expenditure already incurred is not permissible.
- (ii) Prolonged treatment involving recurring expenditure is not permissible.
- (iii) Financial assistance is not admissible for diseases of common nature where treatment is not expensive.
- (iv) Financial assistance is not admissible for T.B. cases for which free treatment is available under National T.B. Control Programme.
- (v) Central as well as State Government employees are not eligible for grant under rules.
- (vi) Only those having annual family income up to Rs.1,25,000/- and below are eligible for financial assistance from Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).

3. How to apply for availability of Financial Assistance under HMDG

- (i) Application in the prescribed proforma duly filled in by the treating Doctor/HOD and duly countersigned by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital from where the patient is receiving the treatment, to be submitted to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- (ii) A Certificate in original from the BDO/ Tehsildar/Collector /SDM (**quoting full name, designation, telephone number and complete official address of the certificate issuing authority**) regarding occupation and monthly/yearly income of the applicant and his/her family members from all sources, should be furnished along with the application form.
- (iii) The applicant as well as the treating hospital should certify on the application form that the patient is not covered for benefits under PMJAY.
- (iv) Re-imburement of medical expenditure already incurred for treatment/operation is not admissible under Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG) Rules.

- (v) Cases for treatment in private hospital are not entertained.
- (vi) All the columns of the application form should be filled properly.
- (vii) The request for financial assistance will be considered immediately on receipt of above said information/papers **in original**.

4. Financial limit for grants

4.1 As per the existing guidelines, financial assistance is granted to the patient –

- (a) Rs.75,000/-; if the estimated cost of treatment is upto Rs.1,25,000/-;
- (b) Rs.1,00,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs.1,25,000/- and upto Rs.1,75,000/-; and
- (c) Rs.1,25,000/- if the estimated cost of treatment is above Rs.1,75,000/-.