JAMMU & KASHMIR

Summary

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  Free medical assistance to PLHIV like CT Scan, MRI, other diagnosis etc.
The Project Director,
State AIDS Prevention &
Control Society,
J&K, Jammu.

No:-HD/AID/03/2013
Dated:- 01-01-2014

Subject:- Implementation of scheme for Financial Assistance to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) & Orphan Children Infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in J&K State.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No.JKSACS/Adm/13/626 dated:21.06.2013 regarding the subject and to say that the matter has been taken up with the Finance Department who returned the file and informed that “Department proposal is being examined in Finance Department for earmarking suitable provision in Budget Estimates 2014-15 under the Scheme “Financial Assistance to people with HIV/AIDS and Orphan children infected or affected by HIV/AIDS in J&K”.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Des Raj Bhagat) KAS
Deputy Secretary to Government

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Subject: Financial Assistance to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIVs)

Sir,

HIV/AIDS is not only a Health problem; the adverse socio-economic impact of HIV/AIDS is visible at the household & community level as well. The focus of the National AIDS Control Programme, phase IV is on empowerment of the people living with HIV/AIDS and reduction in the social stigmatization along with sustainability of the Prevention Programmes.

J&K State AIDS Control Society is striving hard to address the socio-economic issues of the people living with HIV/AIDS. Initiatives are being taken for the integration of these people with different departments in order to improve their standard of living. One step forward in this direction has been taken recently and Rs. 18 lacs have been provided to the PLHIVs out of the grant reserved for them under the State budget. This is done by integrating them with Health & Medical Education Department Govt. of J&K. An amount of Rs. 136 lacs has also been earmarked for providing financial assistance to the PLHIVs of the State under the State budget plan of 2015-16. J&K State AIDS Control Society has also planned to initiate the process of integration with other departments in the phased manner.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Mohan Singh)
Project Director

Copy to:
1. Additional Secretary, NACO, New Delhi, for information.
2. DDG, CST, NACO, New Delhi for information.
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR  
DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE JAMMU  

CIRCULAR  

It is to bring into the notice of all District Social Welfare Officers of Jammu Province that an NGO namely J&K Society for promotion of Youth and Masses is working for Social Protection of people living with HIV/AIDS. The said society convened a meeting which was chaired by the undersigned. The main objective of the meeting was to give wide publicity of the scheme and it was desired that the person living with HIV/AIDS be covered under the schemes run by the Social Welfare Department.

As such it is impressed upon all the District Social Welfare Officers that priority be given to the persons living in PLHIVs/WLHIVs in processing their applications under the scheme like Aam Adami Bima Yojana, Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme, Contributory Social Security Scheme for marginal workers, Pre/Post Matric Scholarship, National Family Benefit Scheme and Special Coaching Scheme after observing all the formalities as envisaged under the guidelines of each scheme.

Director,  
Social Welfare Department,  
Jammu.

No:-DSWJ/Estt. 8138-49/15  
Copy to the:-  
01. District Social Welfare Officer for information.  
02. Secretary J&K Society for promotion of Youth and Masses for information.  
03. MAMTA, Health Institution for mother and Child, New Delhi for information.

Dated:- 17-04-2015.
Subject: Guidelines for providing financial assistance to the victims of AIDS/HIV.

In pursuance of the Budget 2014-15 announcement “Helping the Distressed”, sanction is hereby accorded to the providing of financial assistance to the People Living with HIV (PLHIV), Children Living with HIV (CLHIV) and widows/orphans of PLHIV to the extent and as per the guidelines mentioned below:

A) Eligibility criteria: The beneficiary, viz; PLHIV/CLHIV or widows/orphans of PLHIV should be:

- A permanent resident of J&K,
- registered with ART (Jammu/Srinagar),
- having family income not more than Rs.3.50 lacs per annum,
- widow of PLHIV registered with ART Jammu/Srinagar, or
- orphan (below 18 years) of PLHIV registered with ART Jammu/ Srinagar.

B) Procedure for Registration: The person claiming the financial assistance under the scheme shall have to fill up the requisite form, to be made available by the J&K State AIDS Control Society (JKSACS) through respective ART Centers, and submit the same to the Project Director, J&K State AIDS Prevention and Control Society with copies of the following documents:

- Permanent Resident Certificate
- Registration Certificate from ART Jammu/Srinagar
- Income Certificate from Tehsildar/competent authority of the concerned area
- Date of Birth Certificate either from Municipality/Medical Board/Registrar Births and Deaths or School Leaving Certificate
- Assistant Director (GIPA) shall provide requisite assistance to the beneficiaries from verification of the eligibility upto the release of financial assistance.
C) Review of HIV infected/affected persons:

The committee constituted vide Government Order No. 18-HME of 2015 dated 21.01.2015 shall review the eligibility of HIV infected/affected persons on quarterly basis. Deletions/additions, if any, from the list of HIV infected/affected persons shall be made by the committee as per the information received from various ICTCs and ART Centres Jammu/Srinagar. The final list of eligible HIV infected/affected persons shall be framed by the Committee and furnished to the Principal, Govt. Medical College Jammu/Srinagar.

D) Beneficiaries: The following categories of infected/affected persons shall be entitled to the assistance:

i. People Living with HIV (PLHIV).
ii. Children Living with HIV (CLHIV).
iii. Widows/Orphans of people of HIV.

E) Amount of Financial Assistance: The category-wise financial assistance shall be as under:

i) PLHIV/CLHIV
   Rs.6,000 per annum
ii) Widows/Orphans of PLHIV
   Rs.4,000 per annum

F) Disbursement of assistance:

The financial assistance shall be credited into bank accounts of the beneficiaries by Chief Accounts Officer (CAO), GMC, Srinagar in respect of Kashmir/Ladakh division. The financial assistance for the beneficiaries of Jammu division shall be credited into the bank accounts by Chief Accounts Officer, GMC, Jammu.

The respective CAOs of the Government Medical Colleges shall disburse the assistance on the basis of a joint sanction by the concerned Principal of GMC and the Project Director, JKSACS.

The requisite funds shall be placed by Health and Medical Education Department at the disposal of Principals, Government Medical College, Jammu/Srinagar, as per the following classification of account:

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Sd/-
Commissioner/Secretary to Government.
No: HME/Accounts/43/2014.

Dated 24-02-2015.

Copy to the:
1. Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
2. Principal Government Medical College/Srinagar/Jammu.
3. Director Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu.
5. PPS to Chief Secretary J&K.
6. PS to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, H&ME Department.
7. Govt. Order file/Stock file (w.r.t.c).

(Zahoor A. Wani)
Director Finance
Health & Medical Education Department
Government of Jammu & Kashmir
J&K State AIDS Prevention & Control Society,
Department of Health & Medical Education,

Sub: Setting up of Legal Aid Clinics for PLHIV

Order

JKSACS is hereby setting up two Legal Aid Clinics for PLHIV, one each at Srinagar & Jammu as per the approval given by the Hon’ble Executive Chairman, J&K State Legal Services Authority.

The Legal Aid Clinics (LACs) shall be located in each ART Centre under JKSACS at Srinagar & Jammu.

LACs shall be responsible for facilitating in upholding the rights of PLHIV. The LAC is expected to provide support to PLHIV in receiving the complaints about disputes & human rights violations, & request for linkages to services & provide necessary support to PLHIV in getting their disputes resolved & getting linked to relevant schemes.

At LAC the ART Counsellor shall look after the above mentioned responsibilities in addition to their ART Counsellor job responsibilities.

Dr. Samir Mattoo
Project Director

No. JKSACS/MS/16/658-61

Dated: 10/06/2016

Copy to:
1). Secretary to Govt., Department of Health & Medical Education, Civil secretariat Srinagar for info.
2).Dy. Director General, NACO, New Delhi for Info.
3).Member Secretary, J&K State Legal Services Authority, Srinagar for info.

Encl.1
To

The Project Director
J&K State AIDS prevention & Control Society
Department of Health & Medical Education,
Jammu.

No: SLSA/LS/30/2015/III/343-44 Dated: - 2-02-2016

Sub:- Setting up of Legal Aid Clinic.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No:- JKSACS/MS/16/5337-38 dated:- 25-01-2016, regarding the subject noted above, the Hon'ble Executive Chairman has accorded the approval for opening of Legal Aid Clinic at Jammu & Srinagar for the people living with HIV/AIDS(PLHIV) and the people affected.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Deputy Secretary
State Legal Services Authority

Copy to:-
1. Secretary to Hon'ble Executive Chairman for kind information of His Lordship.
OFFICE ORDER NO. SIMS/187 OF NO. 187

in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Government Order No. 187, hereby order that in view of the fact that HIV/AIDS patients must be treated at ART Centers, SIMS will allow following tests wherever necessary:

1. CD4 test
2. Virology
3. Ultra sound
4. Blood tests
5. Other investigations available at SIMS.

Dr. Ashok S. Jai
Director, SIMS

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action:

01: Director Finance, SIMS
02: Project Director, SIMS
03: Medical Superintend, SIMS
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