

# 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.