

Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
NCD-1 Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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Subject: Amendments for reimbursement to NGOs for free cataract surgeries under NPCB&VI.

In view of the representations received from various NGOs requesting for amendment in NPCBVI guidelines in respect of reimbursement of recurring grant in aid for free Cataract surgeries performed by the NGOs in their base hospitals, on the patients from various other districts in the State as well as from districts in other States, the following amendment/addition in NPCBVI guidelines is hereby issued:

1. The existing provision issued vide letter dated 31-7-2019 shall remain in force viz:
 - a). The NGOs are required to sign MoU with the District Health Society (DHS) where their base Hospital is located.
 - b). If an NGO wants to hold a screening camp in another nearby District/State besides the district/State where NGO base Hospital is located, they can be allowed to do so subject to the following conditions:
 - i. They shall give prior intimation to the District authorities and State Programme Officer, for holding eye camps in their Districts at least two weeks in advance.
 - ii. They shall ensure follow up of the patients operated for cataract, at the same place where the screening camp was held as per the Post Op follow up Guidelines under NPCBVI.
 - iii. They shall ensure strict compliance of the Guidelines for eye surgery under NPCBVI to avoid eye mishaps.
 - iv. The payment of such surgery will be reimbursed by the District Program Manager (DPM) where the base Hospital is located.
2. In case of any problem being faced by the NGOs in getting reimbursement from the DPM of the district where the Base Hospital is located, for cases belonging to other districts, the NGO would have to sign a separate MOU with the concerned district and the payment to the NGO for such patients will be made by the DPM where screening camp was held. The State Programme Officer shall facilitate the NGOs for getting such MOUs signed and in quick reimbursement of dues.
3. In cases where screening camps are being held by the NGOs in multiple districts, a suitable State level MoU can be signed between the NGOs & the State program Officer for introducing flexibility for inter district operations and payments within the same state with a view to promote ease of compliance.
4. In case of difficulties in settling the claims of inter-State payments to NGOs i.e. in cases where the base hospital is in a district of one state, and the patients of another State are operated by the NGO in their base hospital, separate MoUs shall be signed

between the NGO and the two States so that each State makes payment to the NGOs for patient belonging to their jurisdiction.

This may be brought to the notice of all District Health Societies in your States/UT.

This issues with the approval of AS&MD.

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