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The Mission Director
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To

All District Medical & Health Officers

Sub:- Clarification on CMSMS implementation

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Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject cited above, please find attached herewith the document for Clarification on some of the Frequently Asked Questions (Annexure-1) from different health facilities regarding implementation of the Chief Minister Safe Motherhood Scheme (CMSMS) at the facility level for your reference.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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Frequently Ask Questions

Q1. Who will implement the CM-SMS at the facility level?

Ans. The concerned Medical Officer of the PHC/CHC is responsible for implementing the CM-SMS.

Q2. How can the number of routes be planned for SC/NSC?

Ans. The number of routes in a SC/NSC will be determined by (a) the number of ANMs and (b) the number of villages. For example, a SC with 2 ANMs and 12 Villages will have 6 routes with each route having only 2 drop-off/pick-up points.

Q3. What is the mode of payment to the hired vehicle owners?

Ans. Payments to the vehicle owners are to be made on a monthly basis through e-mode (NEFT or cheque or UPI etc.) to the account specified in the Agreement executed by the Medical Officer and the vehicle owner.

Q4. What to do in case the L-1 vehicle is not available on the day of the visit?

Ans. In case the L-1 vehicle for a particular route is not available on the day of VHND, then the L-2 and L-3 vehicle can be contacted.

Q5. How will the funds for CM-SMS be provided?

Ans. Funds for meeting the expenses will be provided as advances to the RKS account of the respective health facility. First advance will be made against submission of estimates on the basis of the rates finalized. This will be topped up based on quarterly utilization.

Q6. Can the safe motherhood fleet be used for any other purpose besides transporting pregnant women?

Ans. No, the vehicle will be used exclusively for managing pregnancies. However, children requiring intervention after MHT (RBSK) screening can be brought with the vehicle.

Q7. How will a SHG/local entrepreneur manage the transit home?

Ans. An advance of Rs. 10000 may be made to the SHG/local entrepreneur as an initial start up funding to prepare the rooms with essential items like beds etc. and to cover anticipated cost during the first month. Subsequently, the funds will be released within 15 days of submission of the monthly bill. But, it is not necessary only for a SHG to run. MO may entrust a hospital staff to run as well or find any entrepreneur to run the same.

Q8. What are the services to be provided in the transit home?

Ans. The services to be provided to a client will consist of two parts: (i) Furnished accommodation (Rs.200/day) per beneficiary and (ii) Food (Three meals per day @ Rs. 40 per meal per beneficiary).

Q9. Will only the pregnant woman be provided food and accommodation?

Ans. The services will be provided not only to the pregnant woman but, also to the PW's escort, PW's dependents and to the Traditional Birth attendant from the village who referred, accompanies and stays with her in the transit home.

Q10. Will the TBA who referred, accompanies and stays with the PW in the transit home be incentivized?

Ans. Yes, the TBA who accompanies and stays with the PW in the transit home will receive a cash incentive of Rs 1000/- at the time of discharge of the PW from the health facility.

Q11. What is the mode of payment to a TBA?

Ans. Payment will be preferably made through the bank account of the TBA. However cash payment can be made, if the TBA is very old or lives more than 1-2 hours from a nearby bank or ATM. Such cash payments should be invoiced and needs to cross sign the invoice along with the beneficiary.

Q12. If there is no TBA, can the husband be incentivized instead if he stays with the beneficiary during the whole period?

Ans. Yes, the husband can be incentivized for his loss of wages – i.e. Rs 1,000 (one thousand rupees).

Q13. Can the vehicle for ANM mobility and fleet be hired on a daily basis?

Ans. Yes, the vehicle can be hired on a daily basis but the MO has to ensure that the vehicle should be always ready as and when required.

Q14. Can prefab be converted to transit home in those facilities where they are available?

Ans. Yes, prefab constructed for COVID purposes can be used as transit home in those facilities where it is difficult to find a place in the vicinity of the health facility.

Q15. For ANMs travelling to VHSND in their own vehicle, can we pay or reimburse according to the kilometers they travel with maintenance of proper record?

Ans. Yes, the payment can be made to the ANMs as per the distance they covered. But, it is preferable that MO arranges the vehicle and keeps a track of VHSNDs happening on a regular basis.

Q16. How frequently should an assessment be done for Best Village award?

Ans. Assessment of a village for the Ward will be done on a calendar year basis i.e. in the month of December.

Q17. How is a village selected for the cash price?

Ans. The village will be selected if they meet the following criteria:

- More than 90% institutional deliveries during the last year
- No teenage marriage during the last year
- No teenage pregnancy during the last year
- Gap between the last birth and the previous one is 3 years (1000 days) or more in at least 80% cases of births during the last year

Q18. Some villages which are hard to reach areas the ANM have to walk for 9 to 10 hours walking distance in that case what should we do?

Answer: In such Cases the ANM can be given Rs-1000 cash incentive from the CMSMS for conducting the VHNDs in the hard-to-reach areas.

Q19. Can the ANM support be in form of financial support?

Ans: No, support to ANM is given in the form of Mobility support.

Q20.Can there be more than 1 vehicle for ANM?

Ans: Yes, maximum upto 2 vehicle can be hired for the ANM in the particular Sub Centre providing the routes are different for each vehicle and it is within the budget provided.

Q21.Is it compulsory to do the bidding for hiring the vehicles?

Ans: It is not compulsory to make biddings but three quotations are to be made for hiring vehicles. The forms can be given in local language as well.

Q22.Can the vehicles for ANM mobility support be paid on trip basis?

Ans: Yes, the vehicles can be paid on trip basis provided the vehicles are readily available whenever needed.

Q23.Can the vehicles be paid on trip basis for motherhood fleet?

Ans: Yes, but the vehicle should be available 24×7 for the services to the mothers and should be readily available in times of emergency.

Q24.Who are the signatories for the CMSMS?

Ans: Only the Medical Officer in charged will be the Signatories for the CM-SMS. However, to access RKS funds, the Chairperson and the Secretary to sign the same.