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Sub:- Amendment to Clause-3 of Article-25 of MoU regarding introduction of Penalty Clause for delay in submission of claims by network hospitals.


In the 17th Executive Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department it was discussed and decided to amend Clause-3 of Article-25 of the MoU stipulating imposition of “50%” penalty for the claims raised beyond 90 days in lieu of the words “such claims will not be considered”.

Therefore, Clause-3 of Article-25 of the MoU, stands amended and will read as follows:

The provider agrees to submit all the claims for the surgeries/treatments performed within 15 days from the date of discharge and another 15 days is allowed to comply to any objections raised by ISA/Trust, which means within 30 days claims with all documents to be submitted. Failing which penalty is imposed as follows.

1) Upto 30 days - No penalty
2) From 31 days to 45 days - 5%
3) From 45 days to 60 days - 10%
4) From 61 days to 90 days - 30%
5) Beyond 90 days - 50%

This order comes into force with retrospective effect for such of those claims of the network hospitals, which patients are discharged w.e.f. 01.04.2013 and onwards.

Reprocessed in effect
This amendment applies to all such claims received.

To,
All Network Hospitals Empanelled under Vajpayee Arogyashree.

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1) All Officers/Consultants, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.
2) Implementation Support Agency, Bangalore.

Executive Director,
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust,
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1) All Network hospitals empanelled under Vajpayee Arogyashree is hereby instructed to submit claims for pre-auths along with the undertaking as mentioned below:

"the claims are not claimed under any other schemes".

2) Further, the specialist doctors who do not have 5 years of experience but have treated 100 cases under oncology and relevant specialities and 50 cases under cardiology can also be considered for enrolment under VAS as treating doctor.

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**CORRIGENDUM**

IMRT/3DCRT was introduced under VAS with the permission of Executive Committee. Subsequently, for better prognosis and quality treatment IMRT/3DCRT was restricted to stage-I and II only vide Letter dated 3.6.2013. There has been requests from NWHs to relax IMRT/3DCRT to certain cancers in Stage-III. The request has been examined and decided as follows:

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<td>1. Head and Neck</td>
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<td>a) Nasopharynx</td>
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<td>b) Oropharynx, Hypopharynx, Larynx (except Vocal Cord)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>c) Thyroid, Salivary gland Tumour, Sinus Tumours</td>
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<td>3DCRT</td>
<td>1. Cervix, Endometrium</td>
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<td>2. Head and Neck cancers</td>
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<td>a) Oral Cavity Post Operative-Adjuvant RT</td>
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<td>3. Malignant Brain Tumour</td>
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<td>8. Rectum, Anal Canal</td>
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<td>9. Lymphomas, Cancers of Extremities</td>
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<td>IMRT/3DCRT</td>
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<td>a) Esophagus</td>
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<td>b) Stomach and Pancreas, etc.,</td>
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Further, the hospitals have brought to the notice of the SAST that irrespective of number of fractions, RT planning requires certain expenditure and some amount to be earmarked for the same. SAST agrees with the proposal and decides to pay as follows:

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<td>IMRT</td>
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<td>3DCRT</td>
<td>₹ 15,000</td>
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Hence, the hospitals are directed to abide by the above directions and upload the details for Preauths and claims respectively.

To,
All the Network Hospitals empanelled under VAS-Under Oncology Speciality.

Copy to:
The concerned officers, Suvama Arogya Suraksha Trust.
No. HFW/SAST/35/2013-14 Date: 24/8/2013

Official Memorandum

Sub: Incentives to NABH Accredited Hospitals under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme – Reg
Ref: 1. Proceedings of the 14th EC Meeting held on 20/2/2013
     2. OM No. HFW/SAST/213/2012-13 dated 5/3/2013

The Trust intends to introduce incentive system to NABH Accredited Hospitals who have been empanelled under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme in its Executive Committee meeting held on 20/2/2013 to enhancing health system and promoting continuous high quality improvement and patient safety which enables hospital in demonstrating commitment to quality care. O.M. has been issued in respect to extent of 2% of the package amount will be provided as an incentive from Trust to NABH Accredited Network hospitals empanelled.

The following hospitals which have NABH certification are eligible to receive 2% of the package amount; from the date shown against them.

1. Narayana Hrudayala Hospitals, Multispeciality & Oncology Unit, Bangalore – 09/04/2013
2. Vikram Hospital Private Limited, Mysore – 30/03/2013
3. A.J. Hospital and Research Centre, Mangalore – 05/04/2013
4. Narayana Hrudayala - Malla Reddy Hospital, Hyderabad – 20/03/2013

[Signature]
Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore
To,

1. Director (Finance), SAST, Bangalore.
2. Director (Operations), SAST, Bangalore
3. Director, MM, SAST, Bangalore
4. To all Network Hospitals
5. Office copy
The Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust is introducing a new Mobile No. for obtaining emergency approval for Preauthorization for the smooth functioning of Vajpayee Arogayshree Scheme and it will be operational in 24x7 basis. The number will be used for genuine emergency case only for an Emergency Approval. Kindly note the number which will be effect from 22/8/2013;

Mobile No. 7259008888

Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM


Ref: Proceedings of the 14th EC Meeting held on 20-2-2013

Preamble:

The Government of Karnataka has introduced a Health Assurance Scheme called Vaipayee Arogyashree Scheme for providing cashless medical relief up to a maximum of Rs 1.50 lakhs/family with provision for additional assistance of Rs 50,000 in special cases for serious/terminal ailments to the BPL families of the state. In this regard, 448 benefit packages and 50 follow up packages to treat various types of terminal ailments have been empanelled as Network Hospitals under this Scheme.

It has been observed that most of the Network Hospitals are not submitting the claims with in 60 days after discharging the patient. In this regard, MoU in Article 25 of clause 3 of the MoU reads as follows:

25.3 The Provider agrees to submit all the claims for the surgeries/treatments performed within 15 days from the 11th day of patient’s discharge. In case of any objections raised by the ISA or Trust, Provider shall address such objections and submit final claims within 30 days. No claims submissions shall exceed a total of 45 days from the 11th day of patient’s discharge.

a) In case of Chemotherapy, Claims can be submitted either after every cycle or after completion of final Treatment with the same online pre-authorisation approval copy.

b) In case of any discontinuation or death of the patient, the claims of Chemotherapy have to be submitted as per the number of fractions/cycles completed within 15 days.
Therefore, to ensure proper submission of claims in time and enable the Trust to settle the claims of the Network Hospitals at the earliest, it is felt to introduce a time line and penalty clause for late submission of claims. Accordingly, the subject was placed before the Executive Committee, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, in its 14th EC Meeting held on 20-2-2013.

The Committee discussed the issue in detail and resolved vide Subject No. 10 (B) to implement the penalty clause for delay in submission of Claims. Hence, the Order:

ORDER

It is hereby ordered to modify clause 25.3 as follows:

25.3 The Provider agrees to submit all the claims pertaining to the patients who had undergone Chemotherapy Treatment within 15 days from the date of final treatment and another 15 days is allowed to comply to any objections raised by ISA/Trust, which means within 30 days claims with all documents to be submitted. Failing which penalty is imposed as follows:

1. Upto 30 days - No penalty
2. 31 days to 45 days - 5%
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