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**CIRCULAR**

**Sub:** Treatment for COVID 19 like syndrome patients - reg

**Ref:** 1. Circular no. HFW 403 ACS 2020, dated: 15.10.2020

2. Circular no. HFW 126 ACS 2021 dated: 28.04.2021

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COVID 19 cases are hitherto considered for admission with SRF Id and positive report. Viral infections manifest as varied clinical syndrome. Hence it is not possible to confirm the diagnosis of patients with the COVID 19 without a diagnostic test. Many a times the RT-PCR test considered as Gold Standard Test may be negative. Additionally several retrospective studies have shown that CT thorax have greater sensitivity and lower false negative rate than RT-PCR. With the recent resurgence of COVID 19 infectious disease along with the increasing numbers of test every day the percentage of negative reports are increasing. Hence the circular issued vide no. HFW 403 ACS 2020 dated: 15.10.2020 describing the condition as COVID 19 like syndrome or COVID 19 probable case usage to identify such cases with correlation of clinical features, CT thorax findings and laboratory investigations so that the treatment can be initiated similar in lines to COVID 19 confirmed cases, as early as possible to reduce the spread of infection, morbidity and mortality.

RTPCR positive cases based on the SRF number are being allocated beds in CHBMS portal. The RTPCR negative cases with symptomatic lung diseases are not being considered as COVID positive patients and are not being allotted beds through the centralized system and also referrals are not given for such patients from Public Health Authority in the districts till now. The Circular vide no. HFW 126 ACS 2021 dated: 28.04.2021 has been issued for admission and treatment of cases to prevent further damage in larger

interest of public health. Authorization is also been to issue patient number for such patients and treat them as COVID and treat them as COVID patients under the existing arrangements. Further all health authorities are adviced to adhere to the guidelines for management of COVID 19 –A point of care approach (version 4.0)

  
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**To,**

1. All empanelled Network Hospitals

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