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CIRCULAR

(on Hospital Bed Blocking for Covid Positive Patients)

Reference 1: HFW 255_ACS 2020 dated 15-07-2020: Regarding compulsory reservation of 50% beds for Covid-19 treatment in private hospitals

Reference 2: HFW/SAST/MM-34/2019-20(P3) dated 9-11-2020: Regarding redistribution of Inpatient beds for Covid +ve cases addressed to ACS HFW

Reference 3: HFW/SAST/MM-34/2019-20(P3) dated 9-11-2020: Regarding redistribution of Inpatient beds for Covid +ve cases addressed to Commissioner BBMP

Preamble:

To ensure bed availability for all affected covid positive patients, Health and Family Welfare (HFW) Dept, had issued a circular at reference 1 above, regarding compulsory reservation of 50% beds for Covid-19 treatment in private medical establishments in Bengaluru city for patients referred from BBMP/Government.

Of late, the total number of covid positive cases being detected daily has seen a fall and in turn the admissions to hospitals has also seen a decline, as seen in the table below:

Time Period	Total C+ Cases*	Total Admissions*
01/10/2020 to 15/10/2020	63,180	18,364 (29%)
16/10/2020 to 31/10/2020	37,778	10,972 (29%)
01/11/2020 to 15/11/2020	19,355	5,894 (30%)

*Data taken from Index App

With regard to hospitalization status, the Centralized Hospital Bed Management System (CHBMS) gives us real time picture of bed availability, cluster wise, and bed type wise break-up, as seen below.

Sl. No.	Facility	Allocated	Occupied	Available	#Occupancy
1	Government Hospitals	1,001	305	696	30%
2	Government Medical Colleges	961	255	706	27%
3	Private Hospitals	4,525	904	3,621	20%
4	Private Medical Colleges	4,906	460	4,446	9%
	Sub Total (Hospitals)	11,393	1,924	9,469	17%
5	Government Covid Care Centers [CCC]	200	134	66	67%
	Total (Hospitals + Govt. CCCs)	11,593	2,058	9,535	18%

#(As of 16th Nov 11 PM)

The above mentioned table shows that nearly 70% beds in government hospitals and government medical colleges remain un-occupied as on date.

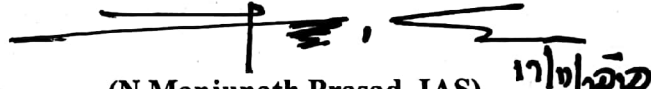
Considering this trend, Suvarna Aarogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), has written a letter to the Hon. Addl. Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, at reference-2 above, requesting to modify the bed blocking protocol i.e., allow blocking of HDU and General beds at only government run hospitals on priority and consider blocking of such beds at private hospitals only after 90% beds at government run hospitals are filled up. However, in critical cases requiring ICU/ICU-Ventilator beds, allocation shall be considered as per need either at a government hospital or empaneled private hospital. The same letter is also sent to Hon. Commissioner BBMP with a copy marked to Hon. Chief Secretary and Commissioner, HFW at reference-3 above. Hon. Chief Secretary., has directed Chairperson, Covid Patient Shifting Taskforce and Commissioner BBMP to take action accordingly.

In view of currently reducing trend in Covid19 cases in Bengaluru Urban district, and proportionately reduced patient admissions at hospitals, BBMP proposes to relook at the patient admission procedure with focus on bed blocking in Government Medical Establishments i.e. Govt Hospitals and Govt Medical Colleges. Presently it is observed that beds in private medical establishments are being blocked and filled up, even as beds in Govt medical establishments remain vacant. The subject was also discussed in the Covid review chaired by Chief Secretary, GoK recently.

With a view to reorient this focus on bed blocking towards Government Medical Establishments, the following circular directions stand issued, until further orders and subject to any other directions issued by HFW Dept.

1. All bed blocking for Covid positive cases taken up by Zonal Command & Control Centres (ZCCCs) using CHBMS portal for General and HDU beds shall be restricted to Government Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges only.
2. The above shall be followed until General and HDU bed availability at government run facilities falls below 10% of overall availability.
3. ICU and ICU-Ventilator beds shall also be preferably provided at Government run facilities. However, in exceptionally critical cases, where nearest facility needs to be provided or specialized critical care of the patient mandates specific private facility admission, the ICU/ICU-V beds could be considered, in Private Facilities.
4. For other district patients seeking admission in Bengaluru hospitals, where bed blocking is done at BBMP Super User level, the above mentioned priority again shall be followed.
5. Once 90% bed occupancy is reached in Govt Hospitals and Govt Medical Colleges, CHBMS would take steps to release beds in Private Facilities for ZCCCs to block the beds. Hence CHBMS would continuously track the bed occupancy status and keep making beds available across hospitals, as per the protocol mentioned above.
6. Any exceptions to the above would require permission of the Commissioner of BBMP.

The circular directions stand issued with immediate effect.


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4. Chairman, Covid Patient Shifting Task Force

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