ABSTRACT

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme – Extension of the Scheme to Private Medical College Hospitals which offers to provide free health services to poor mother and children – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No. 11

Dated: 12.01.2017
Dhurmugi, Margazhi-28
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2047

Read:

2. G.O(Ms)No.118 Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) department dated 05.04.2007
3. G.O(Ms)No.224 Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) department dated 09.07.2008
4. G.O(Ms)No.276 Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) department dated 03.11.2011
5. G.O(Ms)No.95 Health and Family Welfare (P2) department dated 02.03.2016
6. From the DPH&PM letter No.105689 / Immn / S5 / 2014 dated 31.12.2014 and 03.08.2015

ORDER:

In G.O. first read above orders were issued launching Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme to provide financial assistance to the poor pregnant women below the poverty line for first two deliveries. In G.O. second read above orders were issued to extend the scheme to Sri Lankan refugee pregnant women. In G.O. third read above, orders were issued to provide financial assistance under the scheme, based on the recommendations of the Village Health Nurse without insisting income certificate from Village Administrative Officer. In G.O. fourth read above orders were issued, enhancing the financial assistance given under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme for the poor pregnant women from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.12,000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only) with effect from 01.6.2011. In G.O. Fifth read above amendments were issued to G.O.(Ms) No.276 Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) Department dated 03.11.2011 that the cash assistance
under the scheme will be given in three installments on conditional basis and restricted for two deliveries only as detailed below:-

i. The receipt of application should be done at the time of registration itself and 1st installment of Rs.4,000/- to be released in the 4th month of pregnancy (i.e) after 16th week of pregnancy.

ii. The 2nd installment of Rs. 4,000/- will be given to the mother after delivery, who delivers in the Government Hospital/Local body institution.

iii. The 3rd installment of Rs. 4,000/- will be given to the mother, on completion of third dose of DPT, Hepatitis-B and Polio/Pentavalent vaccine for the child.

2. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has stated that there has been a concern that the IMR of the State can be reduced to the possible extent if the available infrastructure is put to better use. After various discussions at the field level about the present system carried out in the aftermath of the incidents have revealed that, in many cases, despite the availability of nearby tertiary private facilities, the pregnant women have preferred to approach Government Institutions at farther locations to avail benefits under Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, as the Scheme mandates delivery in a Government Institution. Thus, much of the services of qualified personnel and facilities available in private hospitals go untapped by the poor women. It is therefore felt that, those Medical College Hospitals which offer to provide free medical services to the poor pregnant women must also be included in the Scheme for healthy utilization of the resources available with them to prevent and manage maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. Such inclusion of private medical college hospital will encourage poor pregnant women to utilize the medical facilities available in those private medical college hospitals during emergencies and thereby result in considerable improvement in maternal and neo-natal health. This initiative will strategically aid the Government in achieving the desired targets of IMR/MMR reduction.

3. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has therefore requested the Government to consider inclusion of willing Private Medical College Hospital which agree to provide free health services to poor mother and children under Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme subject to the conditions that the willing Private Medical College Hospitals have to provide free delivery/services as that of Government Hospitals.

4. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and issue the following orders:-

a. To accord administrative sanction to extend Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme to the poor pregnant women who avail free health services in private medical college hospitals which agree to provide free health services to them. These poor pregnant women should also be qualified to avail the assistance under the scheme as per the existing scheme guidelines.

b. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is directed to issue the necessary guidelines covering identifications of willing private Medical College Hospitals which provide free health services and to identify an appropriate
authority to certify that the services availed by the patients are free health services in such private Medical Colleges Hospitals.

5. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide U.O.No. 61082/H1/2016 dated 08.01.2017.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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