



ABSTRACT

Health and Family Welfare department - National Health Mission – Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare department on the floor of Assembly- Establishment of Specialty Clinics for Transgender at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai and Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai at a total cost of Rs.30 lakhs within the Record of Proceedings approved amount –Administrative Sanction - Orders - issued.

Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) Department

G.O (Ms) No.307

Dated :09.07.2019

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Read:

- 1) Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare department on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly 2018-19
- 2) From the Mission Director, State Health Society letter Ref.No 8802/SHS/P1/2018, Dated: 01.03.2019.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare department has made an announcement for the year 2018-19 on the floor of Assembly as follows:

“மூன்றாம் பாலினர் நலனுக்காக இந்த அரசு பல்வேறு திட்டங்களை செயல்படுத்தி வருகிறது. அந்த வகையில் மாண்புமிகு இதயதெய்வம் புரட்சி தலைவி அம்மா அவர்களின் அரசு மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் அவர்களின் ஆணையின்படி சென்னை இராஜீவ் காந்தி அரசு பொது மருத்துவமனை மற்றும் மதுரை இராஜாஜி அரசு மருத்துவமனைகளில் மூன்றாம் பாலினர் (Transgender) சிகிச்சைக்கான சிறப்புப் பிரிவு 30 இலட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவில் ஏற்படுத்தப்படும்”.

2. In the letter second read above, the Mission Director, State Health Society has stated that the Transgender people are high-risk groups for sexually Transmitted diseases. According to a UNDP report (2010), HIV prevalence among transgender was 7.4% compared to the general adult prevalence of 0.36% and during 2016-2017, HIV Sentinel Surveillance carried out by the National AIDS Control Organization, the prevalence is 3.14%. However, HIV is only one of the issues affecting the community, and typically is an issue concerning transwomen and hijras rather than other transgender persons such as transmen. He has further stated that, the Health care sector environment also reflects the broader 'trans-phobic' hostility of the society as a whole.

3. The Mission Director, State Health Society has also stated that the Government of Tamil Nadu was proactive in initiating welfare measures targeted at transgender community, focusing on the aravani/thirunangai or transwomen subset of the community. According to census 2011, the State has 22,364 transgenders and the department of Social Welfare under Government of Tamil Nadu runs numerous schemes for transgenders and also constituted a Transgender Welfare Board in which Director of Medical Education is a member. Now as a continuation of the Government's efforts in providing welfare measures to this community, the Hon'ble Health Minister in the Floor of the Assembly has announced that two Specialty Clinics will be established at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai and Government Rajaji Medical College Hospital, Madurai at a total cost of 30 lakhs. The two Medical Colleges were selected based on the load of transgender beneficiaries and geographical accessibility: Chennai has the highest number of transgender and Madurai being at the central position of geographical south could cater

to the needs of potential beneficiaries from adjacent districts as well. Accordingly, the National Health Mission has been entrusted with the task of planning and development of Specialty Transgender Clinics at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital Chennai and Government Rajaji Medical College Hospital, Madurai, as follows:-

(I) Target Population:

All Transgender can directly avail multi-specialty services under transgender clinic and also utilize existing medical specialties of any health institution of the state without any discrimination.

(II) Infrastructure requirements of the Specialty Transgender Clinic:

The clinic will provide dedicated Out Patient and IP services to 'self-identified transgenders'.

- a. OPD of the clinic will comprise of a consultation room with counseling facilities, examination room, and gender-neutral toilet.
- b. The clinic will have necessary furniture and bio-medical equipment.
- c. IPD- Two beds may be ear-marked in Post-operative ward of Plastic Surgery Department for transgenders.
- d. Apart from the above facilities mentioned, transgenders will have equal accessibility to all other specialties without any discrimination.
- e. The Multi-Specialty Transgender OPD will run once a week.

(III) Services Provided:

The Specialty clinics will act as First Referral Units for individuals with gender incongruence and other related concerns referred from primary and secondary health care institutions of the state.

The minimum package of medical services provided at the Specialty Transgender Clinics include

- A. Treatment for common ailments
- B. Mental Health Care- assessment of gender dysphoria, treat the co-existing mental health concerns and mentally prepare for gender transition.
- C. Gender affirmative hormone treatment
- D. Sex Reassignment Surgeries (SRS)
- E. Non-genital surgeries
- F. Treatment for STDs
- G. Vaccination for Hepatitis, HPV etc
- H. Treatment for NCDs
- I. Dermatological treatments
- J. Urological care

Community oriented services include:

1. Developing peer supporters from transmen and transwoman
2. Providing inter-personal skills and life-skills

(IV) Human Resource Requirements:

There is no additional Human Resource post proposed for the Specialty Transgender clinic.

- (i) Existing Specialists from General Medicine, Psychiatry, Dermatology, Venereology, Gynaecology, Urology, Endocrinology, ENT, General Surgery, Anaesthesiology and Plastic Surgery and necessary Operation Theatre staff.
- (ii) Two existing staff nurses trained to provide service to transgenders are to be posted exclusively for Transgender Clinical Services.

- (iii) Two Social Workers/ Counsellors under TANSACS for counseling services and manage Transgender attenders and also coordinate OP and IP services for Transgender.
- (iv) Two existing Multi-Purpose Hospital Workers to be posted for Transgender Clinic for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene.

(V) Counselling services 104.

The existing 104 services can also be utilized for those enquiring Transgender related services.

(VI) Services Provided:

The minimum package of services that will be provided is summarized as below:

Sl. No.	Services provided	Service Providers
1.	Multi-Specialty OP Consultation	
1.1	Treatment for common ailments	Physician
1.2	Treatment for NCDs	
1.3	Vaccination for Hepatitis, HPV etc	
1.4	Mental Health Care & Assessment	Psychiatrist
1.5	Dermatological treatments	Dermatologist
1.6	Treatment for STDs	Venerologist
1.7	Gender affirmative hormone treatment and routine monitoring	Endocrinologist
2.	Surgical Services	
2.1	<u>Sex Reassignment Surgeries (SRS) for Transwoman</u> (a male-to-female transsexual)	
2.1.1	Vaginoplasty	Plastic Surgeon
2.1.2	Urethral problems and other Urological care	Urologist
2.2	<u>Sex Reassignment Surgeries (SRS) for Transmen</u> (a female-to-male transsexual)	
2.2.1	Hysterectomy, oophorectomy	Gynaecologist
2.2.2	Mastectomy and Nipple positioning, phallo/metoidioplasty	Plastic Surgeon
2.3	<u>Non genital surgeries for Transwoman</u> (a male-to-female transsexual)	
2.3.1	Rhinoplasty, Facial feminization surgery, Liposuction, Breast augmentation	Plastic Surgeon
2.3.2	Vocal cord tightening	ENT Surgeon
2.3.3	Facial and Body hair removal by Lasers	Dermatologist
3.	Other Support Services at Transgender Clinic	
3.1	Registry maintenance, coordination of OP and IP services	
3.2	Counseling and management of attenders from TG community in the hospital	
3.3	Obtain consent from relevant stakeholders in absence of Blood	

	relatives	
3.4	Procurement of certificate from Notary Public for legal affirmation and assist in other legal formalities.	2 Social Workers/ Counsellors of TANSACS with MSW qualification
4.	Community Oriented services at Transgender Clinic:	
4.1	Develop peer educator transgender volunteers	
4.2	Provide inter-personal skills and life-skills	
5	Counseling services via 104	

The Multi-specialty Out Patient will be conducted by the panel of specialists once a week.

(VII) Role of Nodal Departments:

- i. Mission Director, National Health Mission will be responsible for planning, financing, monitoring and evaluation of the transgender health services.
- ii. The Director of Medical Education will be the implementing authority since the facilities are in Medical College Hospitals.
- iii. Project Director, TANSACS will provide necessary technical support for reaching out to organized community of transgenders especially 'Hijras/Aravanis'.

(VIII) Budget :-

Sl. No	Component	No of units	Unit cost	Total cost	Funds to be released to
Non- Recurring:					
1.	Civil works renovation and procurement of furniture, equipment, miscellaneous.	2	15,00,000	30,00,000	Deans concerned

The required amount is deducted from **FMR 5.1.1.2.h, 9.5.28.2, 11.21.1** of Record of Proceedings 2018-19.

4. The Mission Director, State Health Society has therefore requested necessary orders in this regard.

5. The Government have examined the proposal of the Mission Director, National Health Mission in detail and accordingly do and hereby issue the following orders:-

- i. Specialty Transgender Clinics shall be established at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai and Government Rajaji Medical College Hospital, Madurai at a total cost of Rs.30 lakh within the Record of Proceedings approved amount with the minimum package of services that will be provided by the Specialty Transgender Clinics as annexed to this order.
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- v. The Deans of Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai and Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai shall organize the services of concerned Specialists in the Specialty Transgender clinic based on clinical requirements of Transgenders.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.29909/Health-I/2019, dated: 04.07.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ANNEXURE

(G.O(Ms)No.307, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II-1) Department, Dated:09.07.2019)
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