

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI – 781006

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR OF ASSAM
NOTIFICATION

No.HLA.497/2021/25

Date Dispur the 15th June, 2021

Extending loan facility to EHCPs of AB-PMJAY & AAA for procuring COVID-19 Vaccines from manufacturers

Whereas, Government of India has started the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination drive across the Country from 16th January, 2021 and the vaccination drive has now entered its third phase from 1st May, 2021 wherein all citizens aged 18 years and above are eligible for vaccination; and

Whereas, Government of India, as part of the liberalized strategy, has informed that the earlier policy of 50% of the monthly vaccine releases being earmarked for "Other than Government of India channel" through which State/ UT Governments, private hospitals and hospitals of industrial establishments can procure the vaccines directly for persons aged 18 years and above shall be modified from 21st of June, 2021, with 75% of all vaccines produced in the country shall be routed through Government of India and the remaining 25% shall be open to the private hospitals/ institutions for procurement and utilization; and

Whereas, Government of Assam has so far taken all efforts to procure maximum allotment of vaccines through Government channel as well as support the private hospitals in the State to do so, with a view that maximum number of citizens of the State can be vaccinated at the earliest and in view of the changes in Government of India policy, recognize the need to strengthen the purchasing power of the limited private sector health institutions in the state;

Therefore, the following decisions are taken to encourage the Private Hospitals/ Health Institutions which are already engaged with the Government of Assam through AB-PMJAY/AAA and functioning as Covid Vaccination Centres CVCs for COVID-19 to procure COVID-19vaccines:

1. Government of Assam is providing all necessary assistance in creating Private CVCs etc through the existing vaccination system in the State. All Private hospitals/ nursing homes/clinics are encouraged to procure COVID-19 vaccines individually directly from manufacturers or through one single representative entity for a group of EHCPs formed amongst themselves, utilizing all available resources.

2. In order to further assist the already empanelled Private hospitals engaged with Government of Assam under AB-PMJAY/AAA, which have the requisite facility to function as CVC and also have the registration to function as CVC in the COWIN portal of MOHFW, GoI; the Government of Assam shall provide temporary interest free working capital loan for a period of 3 (Three) months for direct procurement of COVID-19 vaccine from the Vaccine Manufacturers to such willing EHCP in greater public interest. Such interest free working capital loan shall be made available individually to the intending EHCP or to one representative entity (EHCP) who applies for such loan on behalf of a group of such EHCPs.
3. Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society, having its registered office at 3rd Floor, Nayantara Building, Six-mile, G.S Road; which is the implementing agency for AB-PMJAY and AAA shall be the nodal agency to liaise with the EHCPs and for the purpose of providing such interest free working capital loan to the EHCPs. AAA society will prepare the list of such EHCPs interested in procuring COVID Vaccines and coordinate with them.
4. The EHCPs, intending to avail such interest free temporary working capital loan, shall place their purchase order to the concerned Vaccine Manufacturer and collect the relevant "Proforma Invoice". Such Proforma Invoice, once received by the intending EHCP, has to be submitted along with the application format for temporary working capital loan (at Annexure I) to Chief Executive Officer (CEO), AAA Society.
5. On receipt of such application form with relevant enclosures, a committee chaired by CEO, AAA Society with DHS FW, DHS, MD NHM, one Joint Secretary ranked officer from Health & Family Welfare Department and the Financial Officer of AAA Society as members shall verify and recommend on the eligibility of such EHCP on the basis of relevant documents submitted and the amount of working capital loan which may be provided to such EHCP(s).
6. AAA Society shall provide temporary interest free working capital loan of the amount as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in the following paragraph (Sl 7); but not exceeding the Proforma Invoice value after following due diligence and credit the amount so recommended by the above mentioned committee to the specified account of the EHCP with clear instructions on the last date for refunding the temporary loan.
7. An individual EHCP shall be eligible for a maximum working capital loan amount, which does not exceed four times of the average monthly claims turnover amount which has been paid to the concerned EHCP in the year 2019-20 under AB-PMJAY & AAA, by Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society. For a group of such EHCPs intending to take loan through a representative EHCP, the total of the individual maximum eligible loan amount of the respective EHCPs shall be considered to arrive at the Group's

- maximum working capital loan. Any individual EHCP or group EHCPs shall be eligible for further loan only when 60% of the loan amount has been returned.
8. The existing fund available with Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society for the implementation of AAA shall be utilized for the purpose of extending the working capital loan amounts to the EHCPs and Government of Assam shall take necessary steps to replenish this fund if need arises.
 9. Any delay in refunding the temporary working capital loan beyond the last date for refund shall attract interest as per prime lending rates (PLR) of State Bank of India prevailing at such time. Any further delay beyond 6 (Six months) from the date of sanction of loan shall lead to recovery of the loan amount including the interest amount from the claim amount which is payable to the EHCPs towards the treatment etc services extended by it under AB-PMJAY and AAA. CEO, AAAS shall take necessary steps to deduct such outstanding loan amount from the claims amount.
 10. Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), shall ensure the availability of infrastructure in terms of availability of space, human resources, vaccine storage and all necessary requirements for functioning as Vaccination center before creation of the CVCs and shall provide technical support for vaccination, provide training of nursing staff if need arises, training regarding AEFI management and technical support for the COWIN portal along with assistance from UNDP.
 11. Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) with active assistance of Director of Health Services shall ensure frequent inspections of such EHCPs availing government financial assistance in the form of temporary loan to ensure that the vaccines so procured are utilized as per guidelines of GoI and relevant instructions emanating from this government order from time to time.
 12. CEO, AAA Society as the Chief Executive Officer for this financial assistance scheme shall submit monthly report to Government of Assam regarding the progress of the scheme so that Government can take necessary decisions in due course.

Sd/-

(Anurag Goel IAS)
Principal Secretary to Government of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur.

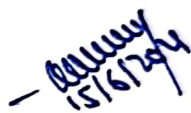
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Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. The Staff Officer, Office of the Chief Secretary, Assam.
3. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
4. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
5. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
6. The Deputy Commissioner (all Districts).
7. The Joint Director of Health Services, (all Districts)
8. The PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department.
9. The DIPRO for wide publicity.

By order etc.


Joint Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department

Format for sanction of temporary loan to EHCPs (AB-PMJAY/AAA) for procurement of COVID-19 Vaccines directly from Manufacturer. (Annexure I)

Details of the Empanelled Health Care Provider (EHCP):

Name of the EHCP :
Hospital Code :
Address :
PAN :
Registered Bank A/C No. :

Details of registration as Covid-19 Vaccination Centre (CVC):

CVC ID of the Hospital :

Details of availability of infrastructure as per the Guidance note for COWIN 2.0 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Available at the Ministry of MOHFW website) Para 4.2 (b), (c) and subsequent Orders/Guidelines issued by the MOHFW from time to time.

Availability of Space : Yes/No

Separate Waiting area for people coming for vaccination : Yes/No

Separate Vaccinating Room : Yes/No

Separate observation area after vaccination : Yes/No

Facility and resources to attend to AEFIs : Yes/No

Availability of Man-power (Doctors, Nurses etc) : Yes/No

Maximum number of vaccination which can be undertaken

In a day with the available infrastructure as mentioned above :

Availability of adequate space

to store the vaccine (Cold chain maintenance etc) : Yes/No

Details of procurement of COVID-19 vaccines:

Name of the Manufacturer Company from which COVID-19 Vaccine is to be procured:

Summary of communication with the Manufacturer Company for the purpose (Please enclose copies of letters from authorized signatory of the EHCP, e-mails etc):

i)

ii)

Details of proforma invoice received for the Manufacturer Company:

(Self-Attested Copy of Proforma Invoice is to be enclosed)

Proforma Invoice Number :

Date :

Details of COVID-19 Vaccines to be procured :

Quantity of Vaccines :

Amount in Rupees :

Details of Previous loan amount and repayment (where applicable):

Signature & Seal of EHCP

Undertaking for temporary Financial Assistance for COVID Vaccine Procurement
(to be printed in a Rs 100 Stamp Paper separately and submitted in each instance)

1. I/We hereby undertake that we intend to take a working capital loan amounting to
Rs...../-
from Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society, Six Mile, Guwahati 781022 towards procurement of COVID-19 Vaccines as per the Guidelines and terms & conditions detailed in Government Notification No. dated issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam. The working capital loan amounts shall be used exclusively for procurement of COVID-19 Vaccines directly from the Manufacturer and the vaccines so procured shall be administered to eligible people as per guidelines issued by MOHFW, GOI and Deptt of H&FW, GoA.
2. I/We further undertake that the Vaccines so procured shall be utilised by our organisation and shall not be re-sold to any other entity.
3. I/We further undertake that the entire working capital amount shall be repayable interest free within three months from the date of receipt of the loan amount.
4. We shall be liable for the payment of interest to the extent of the prevailing prime lending rate (PLR) of State Bank of India and such interest shall be applicable on the balance amount of loan lying payable after expiry of three months.
5. In the event of expiry of three months before full payment of the outstanding working capital loan amount from the actual due date, I/We hereby authorize deduction of the full outstanding balance including interest from claims money receivable from Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society. In case of deduction of outstanding loan from claim money; interest shall be calculated till the date of such deduction from date receipt of loan.

(Loan arrangement for a group of Hospitals. Strike out if not applicable)

6. I/We also undertake that as the representative EHCP of group of EHCPs as mentioned below; I/We shall be responsible for the payment of entire working capital loan outstanding amount taken on behalf of the group of hospitals (EHCPs) and in the event of any default as mentioned in the paragraphs above, the AAAS shall deduct the entire outstanding amount from the receivable claims money arising out of the Claims under AB-PMJAY/AAA against the representative EHCP.
7. Name of EHCPs (In case of group of EHCP represented by one EHCP):
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

8. I/We also undertake that all the details mentioned above are true and shall be liable for legal action as per law in the event of any statement or fact so declared is found to be false/incorrect by any Authority.

Witness :

(Authorised Signatory)

Signature :

Name :

Date :

Designation :

Official Seal of the EHCP

Signature :

Date:

Name :