

Report of Hon'ble High Court constituted co-ordination committee

Hon'ble High Court, Nagpur Bench vide its order dt.29/09/2020 in suo motu PIL No.4/2020 (Court on its own motion V/s Union of India and others) with WP(St) No. 8050/2020 (Viveka Super Speciality Hospital V/s State of Maharashtra and others) had directed to the co-ordination committee to assemble for the meeting on 01/10/2020 at 11.00 a.m. in the chamber Chairman of the committee. The Mayor, Nagpur Municipal Corporation to resolve the issue in report of subscription of the Private Hospitals to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojna so that even the patients of Covid-19 in Private Hospitals will get the treatment free of charge.

Hon'ble High Court had also expected from all the Private Hospitals to express the genuine difficulties on their way to subscribe the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojna floated by the State Government before the co-ordination committee.

As per the directives vide said order the co-ordination committee member assembled on dt.01/10/2020 at 11.00 a.m. in the chamber of the Chairman of the committee the Mayor, Nagpur Municipal Corporation and decided to hear the difficulties of the private Hospitals to subscribe to MJPJAY and to treat the patients of Covid-19 free of charge.

The representatives of 59 Private Hospitals had been called on 3rd October, 2020 by the co-ordination committee to listen the genuine difficulties of the Private Hospitals to subscribe to the MJPJAY and the co-ordination committee had also called the Regional Manager, MJPJAY Dr. Sayyad Kadir and Dr. Vishwaji Nagarakar, District co-ordinator, MJPJAY.

The representatives of 35 Private Hospitals had appeared before the co-ordination committee on 3rd October, 2020. Out of this 25 Hospitals have given their representation through Dr. Anup Marar, Hon'ble Member of the co-ordination committee and Convenor of the Vidharbha Hospital Association. The list of these 25 Hospitals is as follows.

1. Orange City Hospital & Research Institute, Veer Sawarkar Square, Nagpur
2. Krims Hospital (Ketki Research Institute of Medical Sciences), Ramdaspath, Nagpur
3. Meditrina Institute of Medical Science, Ramdaspath, Nagpur
4. Dr. Dande Hospital, Ravi Nagar, Nagpur
5. Sushrut Institute of Medical Sciences, Ramdaspath, Nagpur
6. Kingsway Hospitals, Kasturchand Park, Nagpur
7. Seven Star Hospital, Great Nag Road, Nagpur
8. Shrikrishna Hrudayalaya & Critical Care Centre, Dhantoli, Nagpur
9. Suretech Hospital & Research Centre Ltd., Dhantoli, Nagpur
10. Alexis Multispeciality Hospital Pvt. Ltd., Mankapur, Chhindwada Road, Nagpur
11. Neuron, Brain, Spine & Critical Care Centre, Dhantoli, Nagpur
12. Sengupta Hospital & Research Institute, Ravi Nagar, Nagpur
13. Viveka Super Speciality Hospital & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd., Subhash Nagar, Nagpur
14. Zenith Hospital, Opp. New Wockhardt Hospital, Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur

15. Centre Point Hospital & Medical Research Institute Pvt. Ltd., Medical College Square, Nagpur
16. Niramay Hospital, Chandanbai Temple Lay-out, Untkhana Road, Nagpur
17. Nucleus Mother and Child Superspeciality Hospital, Wardha Road, Chhatrapati Square, Nagpur
18. Shree Hospital & Critical Care Center, Sakkardara, Opp. Tajshree Honda, Nagpur
19. Samarpan Hospital & Research Institute, Near Vaishali Nagar T-Point, Kamptee Road, Nagpur
20. Aurius Institute of Medical Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Wanjari Nagar, Medical College Road, Nagpur
21. Treat Me Hospital, Hindustan Colony, Wardha Road, Nagpur
22. Swastik Critical Care, Ramdaspath, Nagpur
23. NewEra Hospital, Queta Colony, Near Jalaram Mandir, Nagpur
24. Vidharbha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), LIC Square, Mohan Nagar, Nagpur
25. Grace Ortho Hospital, Rajiv Nagar, Wardha Road, Jayprakash Nagar, Nagpur

They stated their difficulties and suggestion in respect to subscribing MJPJAY as follows.

Difficulties raised by the Private Hospitals:

- 1) As the Private Hospitals provide the quality treatment to the Covid-19 patients in the comparison of treatment provided by the Govt. Hospital, hence it is not possible to treat the Covid Patients @ 20 respiratory packages – Covid 19 procedure list.
- 2) The rates are already capped at a low @Rs.4000/- Rs.7500/- Rs.9000/- vide Annexure 'c' of notification no.CORONA-2020/C.R.97/Aro-5, Public Health Department Dt.19/05/2020, which are not acceptable.
- 3) The rates which are capped vide notification no.CORONA-2020/C.R.97/Aro-5 Dt.19/05/2020 Public Health Department, Maharashtra state are very less in the comparison of rates of other States.
- 4) The cost of medicines like Remdisivir as well as PPE Kits are very high and the payment for the same needs to be made up front as no credit facility is given during this pandemic and this another reason that is not possible to treat patients MJPJAY.
- 5) The Covid patients who are critical also have other co-morbid conditions like Diabetes, Mellitus, Ischemic, Heart disease, Sever Systematic Hypertension, Chronic kidney disease, Malignancy etc. And therefore it not possible to treat these patients under MJPJAY package rates as it doesn't cover additional Investigation and treatment costs.
- 6) Mandatory documents asked for processing the pre-authorization and claim are ridiculous and many investigations and post treatment evidence documents are inappropriate, absurd and not required.

- 7) As per condition of MJPJAY, it is necessary to put the claim before the insurance company within 30 days from the date of discharge of the patient and it is supposed to release the payment within 15 working days from the date of submission of claim.
- 8) Overall it is impractical to treat the patients under the MJPJAY.

The other Hospitals, those given the representation are as follows

1. Kunal Hospital, Koradi Main Road, Mankapur, Nagpur
2. G.T.Padole Hospital, Padole Lay-Out, Deendayal Nagar, Nagpur
3. Keshav Hospital, Manewada Square, Ring Road, Nagpur
4. Gracious Institute of Medical Sciences, Sakkardara, Umred Road, Nagpur
5. Medigrace Hospital, Ramdas Peth, Nagpur
6. Ganga Care Hospital Ltd., Panchsheel Square, Wardha Road, Ramdaspath, Nagpur
7. Venus Critical Care Hospital, 10 No. Pulia, Kamptee Road, Nagpur
8. Kalpavruksha Hospital, Ring Road, Chhatrapati Nagar, Nagpur
9. Nelson Mother & Child Care Hospital, Dhantoli, Nagpur

The above 9 Hospitals have also expressed their inability to treat the covid-19 patients under MJPJAY Scheme for various reasons of almost similar nature.

The Committee has received a representation from

10. **Medicare Multispecialty Hospital, Mankapur, Nagpur who is ready to treat Covid-19 patients as per Maharashtra Government rates.**

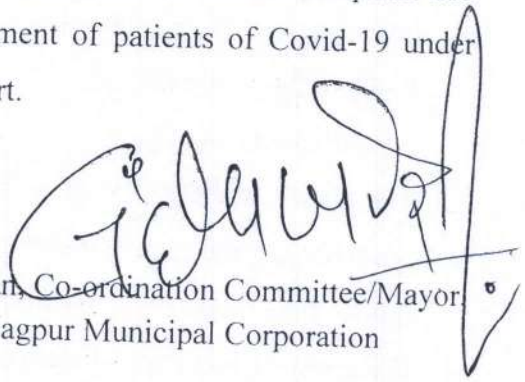
Suggestions by the Private Hospitals:

1. Considering the MJPJAY relaxation to obtain PPE, Hi-end medicines and Hi-end investigations from the patients, the Private Hospitals have sought confirmation that at least Rs.50,000/- advance has to be remitted for costly medicines and Rs.50,000/- for investigations and PPEs.
2. The clause of MJPJAY of uploading documents and indoor files should be removed. It is burdensome and time consuming task and is difficult to comply as it involves taking out indoor files from Covid Section.
3. Government had capped charges for Covid management earliest on 30th April 2020. In such cases the costs being incurred in form of Oxygen and Biomedical waste charges should also freeze on 30th April and any hike on these heads by Government should ideally be recovered either from patients or Government should bear the hiked costs.
4. The hospital who are serving Covid patients are now considered untouchables in society and Non Covid patients are also not daring to enter. They should be provided some financial rebate in form of non-commercial charges for Electricity and water during this ongoing

financial year and commercial taxes levied on them by NMC should be waived for this financial year.

5. The NMC officials acting as Auditors and Corona mitras should also assist the hospitals in recovery of dues wherein the hospitals followed the advice of authorities in seeking less advance but at time of bill settlement, the relatives and patients backtrack. There has to be system to help them when they are working in capped charges.
6. Insurance Regulatory Authority of India should also chip in and help the private health care sector if their beneficiaries are to be provided cashless benefits by having a 24x7 fast track cell to clear the sanction within 1 hour of discharge/death so that bed is available for another patient. Presently, it takes 12-24 hours for issuing sanction note. When bills are anyhow being audited, they should release the sanction note within one hour and release the billed amount in capped charges within 48 hour of bill upload. Similar directives should be issued to all cashless benefit availing companies and Organizations.
7. Unconstitutional autocratic behaviour should be stopped. Out of thousands of successfully discharged patients; if there are 10-50 disputed bills, these bills should be investigated rather than treating everyone with jaundiced eyes and eyeing everyone with suspicion by creating media trial and wasting manpower by auditing all hospitals at the cost of taxpayer's money.
8. Looking into the reducing tide, it is better to reduce Covid: Non Covid capping of beds from 80:20 to 50:50 as done in Mumbai.
9. As per clause 14 of MJPJAY, it is supposed to raise the corpus fund by the society to compensate the excess expenditure if there is the expenditure more than the package amount.

The Co-ordination committee has listened to the representatives of Private Hospitals and noted their difficulties and suggestions in respect of treatment of patients of Covid-19 under MJPJAY and submitting the same before Hon'ble High Court.


Chairman, Co-ordination Committee/Mayor,
Nagpur Municipal Corporation