GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Drug Prescriptions and Local Purchase - Guidelines - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (B) DEPARTEMNT

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Read:- Letter No.MSA2-61705/15/DHS dated 07.09.2015 from the Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

The Government of Kerala introduced free generic drug supply scheme with the intention to minimise the out of pocket expense for medical treatment from Government institutions. Accordingly, an Essential Drug List (EDL) was prepared and institutions were directed to intend drugs from the EDL on an annual basis. KMSCL is the procurement and distribution agency for the State.

It has now come to the notice of the Government that some Medical Officers are still prescribing Branded drugs despite the availability of generic preparation of the same drugs in the institution and some Medical Officers are requesting Hospital Superintendents and Charge Medical Officers for the local purchase of certain Fixed Drug Combinations (FDCs) and drugs.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to order the following for strict compliance:

1. No pharmaceutical company representative should be permitted to visit Medical Officers during OP time or in the Casualty Department. The stickers/posters of the Pharmaceuticals should not be displayed in the hospital premises.

2. Store Verification Officers should ensure that supervisory register is maintained in all institutions. During visits they should enter salient observations in this register viz., cold chain maintenance, other storage conditions, stock book maintenance, date expired drugs, condemnation status, local purchases, indents etc.

3. HMC and RSBY funds may be utilized to improve the infrastructure of drug stores, such as air-conditioning of the drug store.

4. Any drug that is supplied by the KMSCL and available in the pharmacy should not be prescribed outside. Medical Officers should not prescribe unethical and unscientific fixed drug combinations (FDCs). Only WHO approved FDCs should be prescribed.
5. Superintendents/ Medical Officers in charge should regularly visit the drug stores. Any problem that cannot be tackled by the institutions should formally be informed to the DMO.

6. All DMOs should convene a meeting at district level every month to review the drug position in major hospitals, CHCs and PHCs. In the meeting, the drug position, KMSCL supply, local purchases made during the month, comparison of local purchase with the previous month, details of drug procured through local purchase etc. should be specifically and thoroughly reviewed. This meeting should be properly minuted and the minutes should be sent to the DHS within a week after the meeting.

(By Order of the Governor),

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