Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

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Minutes of Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee Meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on 25th Jan 2010 at Room No.222, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.

Members Present:

- 1) Dr. Sudarshan. H, Secretary, Karuna Trust, Bangalore -Chairman.
- 2) Dr. N. Devadasan, Director, IPH, Bangalore Member
- 3) Dr. Hanumanthappa C.S, Chairman, Health Foundation, Bangalore- Member
- 4) Dr.Ramesh, H.C. DD (Medical), Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Bangalore. -Member
- 5) Dr. M.G.Prasad, Ret. Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Bangalore. -Member
- 6) Dr. Pandurang. Pujari, Joint Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore, -Secretary

Special Invitee:

- 1) Mrs. Bharati. V. Maradi, Manager, ISA, Family Health Plan (TPA) Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) Dr. Saleem, Resident Medical Officer, ISA, Family Health Plan (TPA) Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Sudarshan. H., Chairman EDC welcomed all the members present in the meeting. Thereafter subjects as per agenda were taken up for discussion.

Subject No.1 Points for discussion about Empanelment of Hospitals:

1.a) Empanelment for Cancer Specialty: To empanel a hospital under Cancer specialty it was decided that, to treat the patients requiring Surgical, Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy treatments, the hospital shall have all the facilities like Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology (equipment for Cobalt therapy, Linear accelerator and Brachy therapy) under one roof.

Further to treat patients requiring only Surgical and Chemotherapy treatments the hospital shall have facilities for both Surgical and Medical oncology.

Note: In case facilities such as Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy are not available in the hospital, the Provider shall not perform surgery alone and refer the patients to other centers for follow-up treatments requiring Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy.

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- 1.b) Empanelment for Cardiology Specialty: The EDC expressed that to perform Angioplasty procedures the hospital should have the support of Cardiothoracic surgeon with surgery unit. Hence it was decided that, to empanel a hospital under Cardiology specialty i.e., to perform Angioplasty procedures the hospital should have the supportive facilities of Cardiothoracic Surgery unit.
- 1.c) Mandatory Investigations for Single Specialty Hospitals: It was decided that the hospital should have all mandatory investigations facilities as per the empanelment criteria irrespective of the specialty services provided by the hospital.
- 1.d) Empanelment of hospitals having several branches: The branch hospitals need not to apply separately under Vajpayee Arogyashree. The main hospitals should have the license for the facilities available in the main hospital as well as branch hospital. Hence it was decided to empanel following hospitals:
 - Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital having branch hospitals at M. S. Ramaiah Hospital, Bangalore.
 - 2) Health Care Global Enterprises Ltd, Bangalore having branch hospitals at M. S. Ramaiah Hospital, Bangalore and St. Johns Hospital, Bangalore.
- 1.e) Further, during the inspection, it was noticed that Apollo Hospital, Bangalore was not having the license for all the facilities and few of the facilities licenses were in the name of Imperial Hospital and Research Centre Limited and subsequently, it was clarified by the hospital that both hospitals are one and the same. In this connection it was decided to obtain a letter from the Apollo Hospital, Bangalore.
- 1.f) On call Specialists: It was decided not to empanel the hospitals having on call specialists who visits the hospitals based on their schedule i.e., fortnightly or once in a week. However if on call specialists are visiting the hospitals regularly i.e., every day and during emergencies then the applied hospital can be considered.

Subject No.2 Allotment of hospitals among the Members of EDC for inspection and report of hospitals for Empanelment:

The EDC has perused the list of 142 applied hospitals for empanelment under Vajpayee Arogyashree scheme. The Chairman has requested the members to inspect the recently applied hospitals and report the same at the earliest.

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It was noticed that few hospitals do not comply with beds criteria of empanelment hence it was decided to communicate to such hospitals to reapply after complying with criteria fixed for empanelment and concluded that inspection is not required for such hospitals.

Since ophthalmology procedures are not covered under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme, it was decided to communicate to such hospitals conveying that the hospitals will be considered in future once the ophthalmology procedures are covered under the Scheme.

Subject No.3 EDC recommendations for empanelment of hospitals:

The EDC has recommended 40 hospitals for empanelment under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme and perused the list of rejected hospitals.

Subject No. 4. Any other Subjects:

As there were no other subjects for discussion, the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

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Dr. Sudarshan. H.
Secretary Karuna Trust &
Chairman Empanelment and
Disciplinary Committee