

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

No.Health.138/2020/16

Dated Shillong the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.

**ORDER**

**Sub:- Admission of patients in Hospitals in non-Covid related cases from Containment Areas.**

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that there have been instances where emergency medical services have not been provided to patients coming from the containment areas on grounds of unavailability of beds in the Isolation Ward dedicated for suspected COVID-19 patients.

In this regard, the Government strongly advises that hospitals should not deny admission to any health-seeking individuals approaching them for various health services. As a precautionary measure, following are the instructions to be followed by hospitals while admitting patients from both containment and non-containment areas:

1. All hospital should have a triage system wherein individuals approaching the hospital for admission are screened based on a checklist, where their travel history, contact history may be obtained and detailed examination for symptoms of COVID-19, SARI and ILI may be done. Based on the screening assessment, **high-risk** and **low-risk** individuals will be determined.

- **Low-risk individuals showing no symptoms should be admitted immediately.**

- **High-risk individuals** : In emergency cases, Rapid Antigen Test should be conducted. Protocol issued vide No. Health.141/2020/88 dt. 30.7.2020 is to be followed. Based on the test result, necessary procedures should be taken immediately. It is to be noted that the patient must be placed in the Isolation Ward dedicated for suspected Covid-19 cases until the test results are declared.

2. To meet the bed requirement for such cases, hospitals are to increase the capacity of their Isolation Ward so that people seeking for various health services can be accommodated accordingly. It is recommended that arrangement for additional temporary beds is also done.

3. In case hospitals cannot admit patients due to unavailability of beds or required facilities, they should take a proactive approach to coordinate with other hospitals and refer the patient to another hospital where beds or required facilities are available. For such referral services, hospitals are to coordinate with D.H.S. (MI).

4. Hospitals are to use the Hospital Management System Portal (<https://app.hmsmegha.co.in>) developed by the Department of Health & Family Welfare to manage the patients in the Hospital. This will help in knowing the availability of Beds in other hospitals as well. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya ([nrhmmegh@gmail.com](mailto:nrhmmegh@gmail.com)) may be coordinated for training and hand holding for using this HMS portal in the hospitals.

5. Hospitals are to provide a daily occupation of their respective Isolation Wards to the IDSP so as to ensure that an accurate record of availability of Isolation Beds can be kept and share whenever needed.

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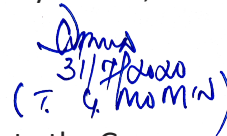
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Health & Family Welfare Department.

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By Orders, etc.

  
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