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Dear Sir,

As you are aware, it is envisioned to provide the Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) through 1.5 lakhs Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) across the country by December 2022 and so far, more than 32,300 are functional providing CPHC closer to the community including the intended preventive and promotive healthcare. The important component of these AB-HWCs is the assured provision of free and essential medicines at both SHC and PHC level AB-HWCs for the expanded packages of services. This will ensure increased footfalls in our public healthcare facilities, besides helping to reduce the Out of Pocket Expenditure on medicines for OP care.

In this regard, the draft list of essential medicines that are to be made available at SHC and PHC level AB-HWCs had been communicated to the States/UTs requesting for their inputs. Based on the inputs received from the States/UTs and Programme Divisions and subsequent examination by the Task Force and its recommendations, the essential medicines that are to be made available at SHC and PHC level AB-HWCs have been finalized and the list is enclosed herewith. It may be noted that the said EDLs are the list of minimum medicines to be provisioned at the HWCs and the states may customize the lists as per need by adding additional drugs to the lists.


Hence, all the States/UTs are requested to strive for making these essential medicines available in sufficient quantities at all the functional AB-HWCs. Funds may be utilized from the provisions under the National Free Drugs Services Initiative (NDSI) and state's budget provisions.

It is also requested that this list is updated in the DVDMS system for effective monitoring of the State about the availability of these essential medicines at all the functional AB-HWCs.

Encl: As above

Warm regards

Yours sincerely,

  
(Vikas Sheel)

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