Dear,

I hope that your planning process for the PIP of 2013-14 is well underway. While it is anticipated that the approvals for the FY 2013-14 will be issued well in time, States/UTs are hereby informed that activities for essential and recommended components under NRHM should continue undeterred as per existing approvals till the approvals for 2013-14 are issued.

These components inter-alia include the implementation of JSSK & JSY schemes, infrastructure development work for MCH wings & facility based new born care such as SNCUs, NBSUs & NBCCs and training activities. It would also include activities regarding School Health Programme, Adolescent Reproductive & Sexual Health Programme, Quality Assurance Committees, provision of Free Essential Drugs, MMUs and Referral transport. Moreover, in accordance to the performance appraisals & subsequent decision of the State/UTs Governments or State/UT Health Society, all existing HR may be continued with existing terms & conditions till the approval of ROP for 2013-14.

As you are all aware, the GOI has been supporting activities of creation of MCH wings, strengthening of delivery points, establishing SNCUs, NBSUs, NBCCs etc, school health programme, free essential and generic drugs in public facilities, screening of children (0-6 yrs.) for disease, disability and deficiency including support for treatment, patient transport systems, etc. GOI also intends to support initiatives of strengthening of district hospitals.

States are therefore advised to initiate activities in anticipation of approvals for 2013-14 such as calling for tenders for procurement of essential equipment, essential drugs, infrastructure development for essential components mentioned above where complete justification exists. ‘The actual work order/procurement should however be made only after actual approvals are received from the GOI’. The above guidance may be communicated to district officials so that ongoing priority activities do not come to a standstill till the approvals for 2013-14 are actually communicated to the districts.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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