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To,

The Chief Executive Officers/Unit Heads/Medical Superintendents
Clinical Establishments (A/I)

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that the Commission West Bengal Clinical Establishment Commission has given an advisory for the better care of pregnant mothers which is as follows.

ADVISORY

It has come to the notice of the Commission, the pregnant mothers are being refused admission in the Clinical Establishment where they were having preregistration during gestation period. The Commission thus wants to issue these advisory to be followed by the Clinical Establishment:-

1. Immediately on issuance of advisory, the Clinical Establishment being uni-speciality hospital dealing with maternity cases like caesarean /normal delivery, would henceforth notify their patients coming up on a first visit soon after they would conceive, a caution and/or information in a printed form documented by obtaining signature of the patient and /or the patient party to the effect, the Clinical Establishment would refuse admission in case the patient would turn Covid Positive, even if **Asymptomatic**. Such Clinical Establishment must obtain a prior certificate agreeing unanimously by the Gynaecologists enrolled with them and /or visiting them to the effect, their infrastructure would not support any treatment to the patient when she is Covid Positive.

2. However, in case the patient is already pre-registered, such Clinical Establishment would not be entitled to refuse admission merely on the ground that the patient is Covid Positive even if she is *Asymptomatic*.

3. In case their infrastructure would not support such treatment, as observed by the concerned Gynaecologist in writing, they must arrange for her admission in a proper set up elsewhere giving at least three choices. In case the patient would agree to any of the choices given to her the hospital would take adequate measure for her shifting or transportation as the case maybe, to the other Clinical establishment chosen by her.

4. In case of additional responsibility and/ or transportation undertaken by the Clinical Establishment, they would be entitled to get reimbursement from the patient of such costs on actual basis.

5. In case the Clinical Establishment would agree to have the patient admitted in their establishment even if she is Covid Positive and the infrastructure would support her

admission and treatment the hospital would be entitled to a sum not exceeding the amount as per Government Guidelines in addition to the package given to the patient

6. In case the patient is required treatment for any Co-morbidity including Covid Positive critical treatment, the Hospital would be entitled to bill her, in addition to the package for her treatment during delivery for such treatment

7. The Clinical establishment already treating Covid Positive in their Establishment must not refuse any patient including pregnant mothers on the plea of lack of infrastructure. In such case, their action would be liable to scrutiny by the Commission

8. This advisory is issued for the benefit of the pregnant mothers as well as the Clinical Establishment to avoid unnecessary allegation.

9. The Commission would hope and trust the Clinical Establishment would follow the guidelines as advised by the foregoing advisory

10. We would appeal to the Clinical Establishment and request them to share these advisory with all Gynaecologists enrolled with them and/ or visiting them.

You are requested to acknowledge and comply with the said advisory.


Secretary

(Arshad Hasan Warsi)

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