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Executive Order

Dealing with multiple brands of medical equipment has been a continuous challenge for the Ministry of Health. This not only leads to, inter alia, high operation and maintenance cost but also seriously hampers and delays health service delivery to the public. The internationally recommended measure to address this issue is to standardize medical equipment, that is, to limit the number of brands of medical equipment. Therefore, the Ministry of Health has standardized the number of brands of medical equipment to be purchased and used in the Country to 3, 5 and 7 for Critical, Semi-critical and Non-critical respectively. The list of the standardized medical equipment is attached as Annexure 1 of this order.

Therefore, the following shall be implemented with immediate effect:

- The brands of all medical equipment to be procured in the country shall be as per the standardized list. This shall also apply to any medical equipment donations.
- The standard list shall be revised every 5 years from the date of this order unless the Ministry or the HLCHS directs otherwise.
- Inclusion of any new brands of medical equipment shall be subjected to separate assessment and approval by HLCHS.
- Specifications of medical equipment shall be reviewed and revised periodically to accommodate technological advancements/needs.
- Procurement of medical equipment for which there are no standardized brands (either none of the existing brands qualified for standardization or the type of medical equipment to be purchased for the first time) shall be done through regular tender norms. Performance of these equipment shall be subjected to assessment similar to the inclusion of new brands.

This is issued as per the approval of the 3rd meeting of the High Level Committee for Health Sector (HLCHS) held on 11th December, 2020 for compliance by all concerned.

(Dr. Ugen Dophu)

Secretary
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Copy to :

1. Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health, for kind appraisal.
2. The President, JDWNRH, for necessary action. JDWNRH should ensure compliance to the standardization during acquisition of any new medical equipment.
3. The Director General, DMS, MoH, for kind information and necessary action. DMS should specify necessary conditions in the donation guideline to ensure that any medical equipment donations comply with the standardization.
4. The Director General, DoMSHI, MoH, for necessary action. DoMSHI should specify necessary conditions in the standard bidding document to ensure that any medical equipment procurements comply with the standardization.
5. Chief Engineer, BMED, DMSHI, MoH, for necessary action. The division should adequately sensitize all relevant stakeholders and carry out all necessary activities for implementation.
6. All DHO/MS/CMO, for information and necessary compliance.

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