

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society - Sanction of pension @ of Rs. 200/- P.M. to the HIV/AIDS Patients on ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Drugs who are having white ration cards - Revised sanction orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (L.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 344

Dated:09.12.2010

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.87, HM & FW (L.2) Dept., dt.02.04.2009.
2. G.O.Ms.No.134, PR & RD (RD-II) Deptt., dt.3-4-2010.
3. From PD, APSACS. Lr.No.1744/AIDS/APD/2008, Dt.17-4-2010. & Dt.5-10-2010.

ORDER:

Government of Andhra Pradesh have issued orders vide G.O.1st read above, introducing a Pension scheme to HIV/AIDS patients in all districts of Andhra Pradesh to benefit those receiving ART medicines in the Government Anti Retroviral Therapy Centres and who are from below the poverty line (BPL) families @ Rs.200/- per month without any restrictions on the number of persons per family.

2. However, during a review of the implementation of the scheme, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the representatives of the networks of people Living with HIV/AIDS, that People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHAs) are not accessing the pension scheme because of apprehensions of stigma and discrimination at the time of verification by MROs and requested to review the process for implementing the scheme.
3. In these circumstances, Government after discussions with the representatives of people Living with HIV/AIDS and after careful consideration, decided to issue revised guidelines for successful implementation of the scheme as appended to this order.
4. The revised guidelines would come in to force with immediate effect.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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P.T.O.

The Director, Development of Women and
Children in Rural Areas, (DWCRA)
O/o. Commissionerate of
Rural Development, Hyderabad.

All District Collectors.

The Panchyat Raj and Rural Development (RD.II) Department.

Copy to:-

The Prl., Secretary to Government, HM & FW Department.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.

The P.S to Prl.Secy to Government. (RD)

All Project Directors, District Rural Development Agencies in the State.
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE

G.O.MS.NO. 344, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (L1) Department,

Dated: 09.12.2010.

The following revised modalities shall be followed for evaluation of eligible AIDS patients:-

(i) **"Family"**: Means head of the family, spouse, dependent children and dependent parents as enumerated and photographed on the white ration card/health card. The photograph indicated in the white card/health card will be taken as the proof for determining the eligibility of the beneficiary.

(ii) **Enrollment:**

The AIDS patients who register for Pre-ART would be eligible for receiving ART medicines based on their clinical condition and CD4 count as per ART guidelines.

- AIDS patients who receive ART for a minimum period of six months at the Government ART centers, and
- Who have white ration card/Arogya Sree health card as BPL families will be eligible for receiving the pension.

(iii) **Amount of Pension:**

Each person, who is eligible (i.e., AIDS patient receiving ART for a minimum period of six months and posses white ration card/health card will be eligible to receive an amount of Rs.200.00/- (Rupees two hundred only) as pension.

(iv) **Procedure:**

The AIDS patient eligible to receive the pension will submit the application in the format given at the annexure along with following documents and submit at the ART Centre where they have registered

1. Copy of the ART treatment card/paper issued at the ART centre recording the ART treatment.
2. Copy of the White ration card/Arogya Sree health card
3. Copy of the Sahara Identity card issued by the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, Hyderabad.
4. Copy of the first page of passbook of their respective bank account (Patients have to open a bank account in any of the Nationalized bank (CBS) bank for remittance of the pension every month) duly attested.

(v) **Verification:**

The Nodal/Medical Officer of the ART Centre would verify these documents and certify the patents is on ART for the last six months and recommend to the Project Director, DRDA of the respective district. The Project Director, DRDA would verify the particulars of the applicant and get the pension sanctioned to all eligible applicants irrespective of whether the individual is getting any other form of pension.

The Addl. District Medical and Health Officers (AIDS & Leprosy) will undertake annual verification of the number of the ART patients and prepare a list of ART patients who have migrated or died and send the updated list to the Project Director, DRDA.

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Migration of pensioner for more than six months shall be treated as permanent migration and the name of such person shall be deleted from the live list and it will be treated as vacancy. Similarly, if a pensioner did not draw his/her pension or visit ART Centre to take ART medicines for consecutive three months of time the pension for that individual would be kept in abeyance till such time the person receives the ART medicines. The Nodal/Medical Officer of the ART Centre should inform the list of persons (receiving pension) who have not received their ART medicines during the month to the Project Director, DRDA latest by 5th of every month.

(vi) Sanction of pension:

The District Collector, will sanction the pension @ Rs.200/- (Rupees two hundred only) to AIDS patients who are on ART for a minimum period of six months and who possess white ration card/Arogya Sree health card.

(vii) Payment of Pension:

The AIDS patient who is on ART has to open a bank account so as to facilitate easy credit directly into the bank account of the pensioners. Once the pension is sanctioned, this pension amount will be credit with the account of the pensioner. Accounts can be opened by the applicants in any CBS Bank so that, funds can be transferred to the applicant electronically.

(ix) Disqualification:

In case, at any stage, if it is noticed that the details furnished by the individual are found to be incorrect, incomplete, misleading or false, the individual will forfeit the right to receive the pension instantaneously and action will be initiated to recover the amount paid to him/her under R.R. Act.

1. If a pensioner either does not draw his/her pension or take ART medicines for three consecutive months the pension to that individual would be kept in abeyance. On subsequent receipt of ART medicines by the pensioner the pension can be restored.
2. Project Director, DRDA has to be informed about the individuals who have not received ART medicines for 3 (three) consecutive months by the Medical Officer of the ART Center.
3. Project Director, APSACS would get all the details of the eligible persons receiving the ART medicines in computerized format (as given by Director, Rural Development (DWCRA) to the Rural Development department in a month's time.

(x) Issue of ID Cards:

Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society will issue Sahara ID cards to all persons on ART.

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