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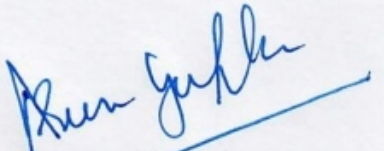
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Clarification regarding 'Testing for COVID-19' package.

With reference to the OM of even number dated 04/04/2020, 08/04/2020 and 13.04.2020 on the subject, it is clarified that the package of '**Testing for COVID-19**' can be booked in empaneled hospitals for AB PM-JAY beneficiaries for COVID/ Non COVID cases whenever the need for such a test arises as per the prevailing guidelines of ICMR/ MoHFW/ State Governments issued from time to time. The hospital can thus, raise a pre-authorisation for booking COVID-19 testing package, if the need for such a test arises, at any stage during admission or treatment for any disease. It is also clarified that this pre-authorisation shall be in addition to the pre-authorisation that might have been done for a particular procedure/ disease and shall entitle the hospital for additional payment for testing.

Further, the ICMR rates shall be the reference rates for deciding the upper limit for testing charges. The states shall be at liberty to negotiate with testing laboratories and fix lower prices for the test. This negotiation exercise may, rather be encouraged to ensure the financial burden on the exchequer can be minimised.

Dated: 03.05.2020


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