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## **ADVISORY**

## FOR ALL PVT. HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES OF DELHI ON PREPAREDNESS FOR DENGUE / CHIKUNGUNYA (FEVER) CASES

Vector borne diseases have emerged as a major public health problem these days. On analyzing data of last four months, it has been observed that, this year cases of Dengue and Chikungunya had started reporting from the month of January 2017 onward, which is usually non-transmission period for Dengue/Chikungunya. It is likely that the number of cases may be increased in pre and post monsoon season. Therefore, stringent actions need to be taken well before in time.

In view of this, it has been decided to allow all Pvt. Hospitals /Nursing Homes to increase the bed strength up to 10-20% of their approved bed strength on temporary basis for 6 months. This duration will be reviewed further depending upon the load of dengue/fever cases in the city.

Hospitals/Nursing homes are advised to accommodate extra beds in the existing wards depending on space availability. If required, the beds may also be placed in the corridors and waiting areas for admitting such patients during the periods of rush. The clauses with respect to infrastructure and manpower mentioned in Schedule appended with Rule 14 of Delhi Nursing Homes Registration (Amendment) Rule, 2011 would be relaxed for time being in public interest for the said period to facilitate the Hospitals/ Nursing Homes to temporarily increase their bed capacity.

It is pertinent to mention that these extra beds shall be utilized for admitting Dengue/Chikungunya/ fever case only. Furthermore, the tariff levied by the concerned Private Hospitals/ Nursing Homes for such beds shall not be more than 50% of the lowest economic category of that Hospital / Nursing Home.

The Hospitals / Nursing Homes shall not deny treatment/ admission to any Dengue/Chikungunya / fever patient requiring indoor care. In exigency, more than one patient may be accommodated on a single bed. In case, a patient need to be shifted to a higher center, he/she shall be transferred in the hospital ambulance accompanied by a doctor in coordination with the Casualty Medical Officer on duty of the higher center.

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- All Directors / Medical Superintendent of Private Hospitals, Nursing Homes in NCT of Delhi. (Also, uploaded on web site of Dte. Gen. Health Services, Delhi Govt.