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To

Shri M.N Harendhira Prasad, IAS

Chief Executive Officer

Dr.YSR Aarogyasri Health Care Trust

Sub: Information regarding stoppage of taking new patients in Aarogyasri scheme and EHS from 19th May, 2023

Respected sir,

At the outset we would like to thank you for all the efforts you made for getting the payments to the hospitals to meet the basic minimum expenditure to continue the services. We realized and also understood that making payments to the service providers of this scheme is not the topmost priority to the government. Moreover, we were all pained by the statements given by the Government that the payments are being made in time and the hospitals are serving scheme happily. We are all deeply troubled financially due to the constantly increasing inflation, finance costs, non-cooperation of banks to provide more working capital against the dues beyond 90 days and mandatory statutory payments to the Government. We have been suffering with many operational issues and with great disappointment with minimal package price revision & adding new packages from AB PM JAY. The current package prices are neither viable nor sustainable in the coming days, especially considering the utilization rate ranging from 65% to 95%, with no option for cross-subsidy, which is a crucial factor in the financial model of this social insurance health scheme. We have not even been called for discussion about the above three items though a verbal assurance was given to us by you and Sri Krishnababu garu two weeks ago.

The payments that are released by the Government in the last one month are very disappointing and not even meeting the 10% of the dues which are already incurred. The hospitals can't sustain any more day-to-day financial stresses to provide quality healthcare to the beneficiaries.



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After extensive waiting and brainstorming, and after seeking consensus among the maximum number of private network hospitals, we have collectively decided to stop registering new cases under all schemes of the Trust starting from May 19th (Friday). We will, however, continue ongoing patient treatments and attend to absolute emergencies.

Please understand that this decision is not intended as an act against the government, nor is it meant to create inconvenience for patients or to take advantage of the situation. Despite immense pressure from the press, we have refrained from sharing this information publicly and have kept it as confidential as possible.

We sincerely desire to continue participating in the scheme and providing services to the beneficiaries. To achieve this, we request that all outstanding dues be paid by the end of February 2023. Additionally, we seek a written assurance regarding the enhancement of package prices based on the cumulative CPI over the last 10 years, as promised by our Honorable Chief Minister. Furthermore, we urge discussions to resolve the operational issues related to general and specialty healthcare, which are fundamental responsibilities of the Trust. We also hope to discuss certain terms outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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Thanking you sir

Sincerely yours

ASHA - President