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## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Guidelines for Cancer Care – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

### **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (J) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(MS)No.346/2013/H&FWD**

**Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 02/08/2013**

### ORDER

Cancer cases are on the increase in the State. As the population of the State ages, the problem will become more severe. Therefore, it is necessary to have a long term policy for cancer managements, so that resources are efficiently used and a long term plan response is in place.

The following guidelines are issued regarding development of Cancer prevention and management facilities in the State.

#### **I. Screening :**

Health Department will arrange for screening of persons above 30 for cancers of the Oral Cavity through dentists in Taluk Hospitals. Women above 30 will be screened for Cancers of the breast and cervix initially by Junior Public Health Nurses. They will be tested by Gynaecologist in Taluk and District Hospitals for Cancer of the cervix by colposcopy and by Surgeons for breast cancer through FNAC. Health Department will arrange for training of Dentists, Gynaecologists and Surgeons for this purpose.

#### **I (a) Facility of District Hospitals**

All district hospitals will have a Cancer treatment facility with appropriate rooms for providing chemotherapy. Doctors who will be / have been trained at Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre will be in charge of these units, in addition of providing consultancy for referred cases. They will carry out management of cases who have been put on treatment by tertiary cancer centres and delegated to them for routine management. They will be linked to Regional Cancer Centre / Malabar Cancer Centre through tele-medicine system. District Hospitals will also set up facility for Cytopathological examination with trained Cyto technicians. Till such time as this facility is set up in district hospitals the samples will be examined either at Medical Colleges or at Regional Cancer Centre / Malabar Cancer Centre.

#### **II. Medical Colleges**

The Medical Colleges of Alappuzha, Kottayam and Kozhikode have been recognized as tertiary Cancer Centres by the Government of India during the 11<sup>th</sup> five year plan. In the 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan the amount available per TCC has been increased. The three colleges will be submit revised application for the enhanced

amount, when Government of India announced the new scheme. Medical College Thrissur will forward proposals as per the revised scheme.

Using this amount the mini Regional Cancer Centres will be set up in the four Medical Colleges. It will include Radio Therapy and Medical and Surgical Oncology. These departments will be created using the services of qualified and interested persons. Since they will be eligible for departmental quota in the newly sanctioned DM oncology and Mch surgical oncology. These departments will gradually come to have fully qualified teachers.

### **III. Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre**

The Government of India vide their letter D.O. No.Z.16011/1/2013-Cdn of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, addressed to Chief Minister of Kerala has informed that the Government of Kerala may recommended Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery to be upgraded as a State Cancer Institute and this will be considered by the Ministry after new schemes for tertiary Cancer Care is approved. Therefore both Regional Cancer Centre and Malabar Cancer Centre will prepare proposals for a central assistance of Rs.120 Crores.

IV. The State Finance Commission will consider extra support for priority areas of the State. Since Cancer is a major threat and since the Cancer treatment is expensive for the State developing the centres at Medical Colleges and District Hospitals as outlined above are to be proposed for assistance under the award of the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

**(By Order of the Governor)**

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**Principal Secretary to Government**

To

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The Director, Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery  
The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.  
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The Director, Public Relation Department  
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