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Clarification Note:

This Clarification note is intended to correct misconceptions shared in some media regarding the patient care financial assistance and support of the Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology Govt. of India

Free treatment is being provided to deserving poor patients in Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute as per norms. KASP - AYUSHMAN BHARAT health insurance card restoration negotiations with the State Health Mission have been completed and MoU approval is nearing completion. This card will not only

benefit Keralites but also holders of AYUSHMAN BHARAT health insurance card in other states.

Although the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'Rashtreeya Arogya Nidhi-RAN' and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant-HMDG are still in place, there have been some technical hurdles recently since the applications were submitted online without 'AYUSHMAN BHARAT' empanelment and this issue will be resolved soon.

The Central Government Contributory Health Scheme (CGHS) scheme 'Credit' option and reimbursement option are still in existence.

Reimbursement is permitted for the Ex-Service Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme.

OP / IP treatment reimbursement is also allowed for Central and State Government employees.

The 'Thalolam' and 'Hridayam' financial assistance schemes for children are currently in operation as per the norms of Government.

The 'Snehasantvanam' treatment scheme for Endosulfan victims and the treatment benefit for scheduled tribe (ST) category patients are still ongoing.

The Prime Minister's medical assistance scheme, Chief Minister's medical assistance scheme, medical assistance from the Department of Health, assistance from NORKA roots for NRI return patients and assistance from Social Security Mission of the State Government are also available.

Various voluntary organizations, well wishers including staff of SCTIMST and corporate social responsibility scheme from Corporate sector are also helping the poor IP as well as OP patients of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute as per the donations via offline and online.

From the 'Welfare Fund' raised through income tax deductible donations, medicines are being provided free of cost on a monthly basis to the poor patients registered in Sree Chitra via our in-house pharmacy.

Private insurance companies also allow medical reimbursement according to their criteria for our IP and OP treatment.

As per Order 22 .02 .2022, the subsidy norms given to poor patients by SCTIMST have been revised to make it more transparent and patient friendly. According to this, in addition to the standard revenue slab 'D' with normal payment, other three subsidized slabs were also introduced which is applicable for pan India OP and IP patients. The 'B' slab for BPL ration card holders with 30% subsidy rates, 'A 1' slab for BPL-AAY card holders with 50%

subsidy and 'A' slab with 100% subsidy for BPL-AAAY card holders with serious financial and social difficulties as per submission of proof mentioned in the order issued by SCTIMST.

The construction of the new building, known as the 'Swasthya Suraksha Block' under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, is 75% complete and will be operational by December 2022.

Treatment and procedure costs are analyzed at regular intervals and revised according to various available schemes.

Compared with other 100% Government owned Medical colleges or National Institutes like AIMS, SCTIMST is only an autonomous Institution under Department of Science and Technology funded with yearly limited grant. The Institute is committed to doing all it can, within its administrative and financial limits, at affordable cost, for the high quality treatment for all our patients irrespective of any divisions.