Government of Rajasthan

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation

Department of Medical, Health & Family Welfare, Jaipur

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Date: 12/10/11

To.

All Principals Medical Colleges/ Superintendents Attached Hospitals All Joint Directors/ PMOs/CM&HOs

Sub.:- Regarding Prescription by doctors.

Kindly refer to the Chief Secretary's letter no. RMSC/MF/2011/213 dated 26.08.11, wherein instructions regarding prescription have been issued. It clearly indicates that **as far as possible**, the doctors should prescribe essential drugs by generic name as per the standard treatment guidelines.

It also instructs doctors and staff to properly counsel the patients regarding

the quality & availability of drugs.

The above order states that other drugs (which are not made available by RMSC free of cost) are to be provided through life line drugs stores at low cost. As of now, due to failure on part of suppliers in some cases, the free drugs made available by RMSC do not contain many important drugs. These drugs are to be provided at life line drug stores and co-operative stores at competitive prizes so that these can be purchased by the patients. Therefore, if the clinical condition of the patient requires prescription of drugs out of the free category, the doctor may exercise his clinical judgement to prescribe other drugs as well.

This would be as per the principle of "rational use of medicines" and would be subject to prescription audit. It is reiterated that no change in rules for medical reimbursement for Govt. employees or for pensioners has been effected. So they may get the drugs as warranted by their clinical condition. At the same time it is expected by the prescribers to stick to the principle of rational use of medicines and to follow WHO guidelines for essential drugs and standard treatment protocols, as well as code of medical ethics as prescribed by Medical Council of India.

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