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Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers  
Department of Pharmaceuticals  
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Compliance of price fixation of coronary stents and related issues**

The undersigned is directed to state that, vide Gazette Notification S.O. No. 412 (E), dated 13.02.2017 National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has notified the ceiling prices of coronary stents. Attention is also drawn to subsequent clarifications issued vide following Office Memoranda:

Sl no	Date	Subject
1	16-02-2017	Implementation of Coronary Stents prices fixed and notified under the provision of DPCO,2013 – reg.
2	20-02-2017	Clarification on trade margins in respect of coronary stents
3	21-02-2017	Monitoring/Implementation of Coronary Stents Ceiling Prices fixed and notified under the provision.
4	23-02-2017	Compliance and enforcement of coronary stent price cap notification No 8(41)/2017/DP/NPPA/Div II dated 13-Feb-2017.
5	28-02-2017	Monitoring/Implementation of Coronary Stents ceiling prices fixed and notified under the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013)-reg.
6	02-03-2017	Non-compliance of Stent price gazette notification indicating details of Stents in the bills by the Hospitals.

2. As per the notification and clarificatory office memoranda issued, the hospitals are required to comply with the notified ceiling price of stents and to adhere to instructions in letter and spirit.


3. Hospitals are also required to issue detailed bills to the patients clearly mentioning the brand name, name of the manufacturer/importer/batch no., category of the stent (BMS/DES) and other details of stent, if any. In this connection, NPPA has received many complaints against hospitals for overcharging and in all the cases, the concerned hospitals/nursing homes/institutions were directed to submit (a) List of all Angioplasty cases done and billed on or after 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 till 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, Certified copies of Invoices/ Bills of all cases at (a) and other concerned documents. On perusal of the documents specially the Bills issued to the patients in case of 9 hospitals, it is revealed that, none of these hospitals has fully complied with the instructions contained in the Gazette notification and subsequent OMs issued by NPPA on the subject.

4. Following non-compliances have been found:

- i. Bills issued to the patients by various hospitals/nursing homes/institutions merely indicate the brand name of the stent used, other essential details such as name of the manufacture/importer/batch no/expiry date etc., have not been mentioned.
- ii. The type of stent used, whether it is a Bare Metal Stent or Drug Eluting Stent(DES) is also not mentioned in the Bills. Therefore, the hospitals/nursing homes/institutions have not adhered to the order S.O, 412(E), dated 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 issued by NPPA in letter and spirit.
- iii. Lump sum billing, no separate mention of the price of stent.
- iv. Hospitals have not submitted the bills or submitted the bills after the deadline was over.

5. NPPA is issuing Show Cause Notices to management of hospitals/ nursing homes/institutions for recovery of overcharged amount, along with pre prosecution notices under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to those hospitals/nursing homes/institutions which have not abided by the instructions of NPPA so far.

6. Therefore, all the hospitals/nursing homes/institutions are once again directed to follow all instructions of NPPA which have been issued so far, with regard to the price fixation of coronary stents.

  
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To:

All Hospital Associations Insurance Providers and TPAs

All Cardiac Stents manufacturers /importers