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**Subject: - Directives of Social Protection Schemes availed by PLHIVs in Chandigarh.**

Respected Sir,

This is in reference to email received from Ms. Sonal Walia, Consultant- IEC & Mainstreaming, dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, regarding the subject cited above. Following is the details of Social Protection Schemes available for PLHIVs in Chandigarh.

**1. Scheme: WIDOW PENSION AND CHILD SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.**

Chandigarh is one of the first states which took the initiative for providing financial help to HIV infected/affected Widows and Children. The scheme is being funded by Chandigarh Administration, which was implemented on 3/4/2012 by Worthy Advisor to Administrator UT Chandigarh. The uniqueness of the scheme is that all HIV infected /affected widows and children are eligible irrespective of their personal economic status and there are no criteria whether they are getting some other economic benefit from any other department like widow pension from Social Welfare department. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs. 1000/- per month is being given to widows and Rs. 700/- per month is being given to children till attain of age of 18.

The approval of the scheme was taken on file, and no need was felt to issue some specific circular/ notification to implement the scheme.

**Objective:** To provide financial support to Widows and Children affected/infected with HIV/AIDS.

**Eligibility:**

- Widows and Children should be residents of Chandigarh for last 3 years.
- Widows and Children affected/infected with HIV/AIDS.
- Regular on ARV.

**Required documents: For Widows :-** (Photocopy)

- Proof of widow of a HIV infected person or a widow who herself is HIV infected.
- Death certificate of husband.
- In case of HIV+ woman Anti Retroviral Therapy Card as a proof of being alive.
- Residence proof Chandigarh UT.
- Bank details Mandate form issued by concerned bank.
- Copy of Aadhar card, ART card, Bank Pass book copy.

**For Children :-**

- Birth certificate of the child.
- HIV status report card of mother/ Father / self.
- Residence proof Chandigarh UT
- Bank details Mandate form issued by concerned bank.
- Copy of Aadhar card, ART card, Bank Pass book copy.

**Incentive:** Rs.1000/- per month for widows and Rs.700/- per month for children. (Financial help provides to children up to completion of age 18).

**2. ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJNA CARD**

It is the Central Govt Scheme, in which some financial help is being provided to very poor families/ Persons who are very poor even unable to purchase the daily ration. The financial help is being credited in the bank account of beneficiary through PFMS. Through the Department of Food and Supply, Chandigarh SACS, has liked PLHIV Families to this scheme. Till now total 317 families have been linked and 100 applications are under process.

**Objective:** To help HIV infected/ affected families/ persons to get subsidised ration.

**Implementing Agency :** Food & Supply Department.

**Eligibility:**

- All PLHIV individuals/ families.
- Should be residents of Chandigarh for last 5 years.
- Regular follow up at ART Centre.

**Required documents:**

- Green Card and Ration Card.
- HIV status report.
- Identity Proof of domicile of Chandigarh for last 5 years.

**Incentives:**

- The fix amount of subsidy for purchasing of daily ration (As per central Govt norms) is being credited in the bank account of beneficiary through PFMS.

**3. Scheme: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH DONATION FUND TO HIV+INDIVIDUALS.**

**(It is not a regular scheme, depends upon the availability of Charitable trusts/ organizations. The funds or commodities are being provided to PLHIVs directly by trusts/ Organisations.)**

**Objective:** To provide financial help to PLHIVs.

**Eligibility:**

- Person should be member of CNP + (The state level Network of HIV Positive persons).
- Person should be resident of Chandigarh for last 5 years.
- Should be regular on ARV.

**Required documents:**

- Anti Retroviral Therapy enrolment card.
- Proof of residence like electricity bill for last 5 years.

**Incentive:** Financial help and other essential commodities as per requirement like Ration, Cloths, Blankets, Vocational Instruments, Books, Children School fee, Medicines, Medical Bills, cremation etc.

**4. Scheme: FREE TRAVEL IN CTU BUSES.**

**Objective:** To help PLHIVs to access the ART Centres in Chandigarh with no travelling cost, to motivate PLHIVs to be adherence on treatment.

All the PLHIVs are eligible to travel in local city buses (in AC & non AC buses) free of cost. The CTU put up the concerned Notification No 15/36-HIII (7)-2018/3257 dated 8/3/2015, on its website also i.e. chdctu.gov.in (Passes details). The soft copy of the notification is also attached here with.

**Implementing Agency:** Chandigarh Transport Undertaking

**Eligibility:**

- Person should be HIV+.
- Person should be resident of Chandigarh for last 5 years.

**Required documents:**

- Anti Retroviral Therapy enrolment card.
- Proof of residence like electricity bill for last 5 years.

**5. Scheme: FREE HIV Treatment.**

**Objective:** To provide free treatment to PLHIVs in two ART centres i.e. PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh and GMCH Sector 32, Chandigarh, As per NACO Guidelines.

**Eligibility:**

- All PLHIVs.

**Required documents:**

- HIV status report card.

**6. Grievance Redressal Cell**

To resolve the Grievances of PLHIVs, a Redressal Cell has been formed as it working directly under the supervision of Principal Secretary Health UT, Chandigarh. The Redressal committee meets every two months. The other members of the committee includes Director Health, Director PGIMER, Project Director, CSACS, President and Vice President CNP + and other key persons of city.

The Grievance boxes are placed in both ART centre, CSACS office and office of CNP + which are being opened under the supervision of competent authority.

**7. Free Legal Help :**

State Legal Services Authority UT Chandigarh has agreed to provide Free Legal Help to PLHIVs.

**8 . Short Stay Home for Ladies and Children**

Department of Social welfare has agreed to accommodate the needy ladies and Children in its Short Stay Homes for a short period. There are two short stay homes for ladies i.e. Nari Niketan and SEVERA. For children the short stay home is SNEYHALYA.

**9 Linkages of PLHIVs to Welfare Schemes of Other Departments:-**

Certain other departments like Social Welfare, Education, Labour Welfare, Food & Supply Department, CTU, Director Industries, some charitable organisations etc have their own welfare schemes for poor and needy persons, under the mainstreaming efforts, the PLHIVs have been linked to these schemes.

**10 :- Priority in getting the Street Vendor Licence**

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh Administration published the Gazette on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 no CMC/2018/755 the directives of Street vendors. The Street vendors have to get the MC office issues <sup>licence</sup> for their Street vendor profession. Under this gazette the PLHIVs are kept on priority to get the licence at a nominal fee. The further efforts are being done to reduce the licence fee up to 60%.

Submitted for your kind information and display on the website of NACO

With regards,

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Dated 29.10.2019

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