

## **Conditionality 7**

### **Implementation Of Free Drugs Services Initiative**

#### **STATE COMPLIANCE**

#### **7.1. Clear policy articulation of free generic medicines to all in public health facilities**

- 1) 'Free Medicine and Free Consumables' scheme for provision of generic medicines and consumables free of cost – to all patients in Public Hospitals for all communicable & non communicable diseases. - Important pre-requisite for moving towards UHC**
- 2) The initiative is named “National Health Mission – Free drugs and diagnostic services” in English and “**Rashtriya Gramin Arogya Abhiyan – Mofat Aushadhi ani Nidan Seva**” in Marathi language.
- 3) Free Medicines and Free Consumable Service is available in 100% of Public Health facilities for all Communicable Diseases and Non-communicable diseases.**
- 4) Key features being provision of drugs only from EDL and in case drug needs to be purchased from outside then it should be financed from RKS fund, P.L.A. funds or 10% from the medicine funds that is allocated to the health facilities
- 5) GR of providing free generic drugs is uploaded on the State website.

#### **7.2. EDLs finalized and drug formulary published and made available in all public health facilities, Overall procurement and logistics strategy in place. Detailed design and plan for rate**

**contracting, regular stock up dates, indent management, warehousing, promotion of rational drug use, contingency funds with devolution of financial powers etc. in place.**

- 1) **EDL** and ECL finalized and drug formulary published and made available in all public health facilities
- 2) State has a robust, cost effective **drug procurement and logistics system** with quality control mechanism, storage and seamless drug distribution and plan for rate contracting in place. Key features of the Policy includes; Centralized procurement of medicines; with no purchases below the state level, Procurement only from manufacturers, no distributors allowed, Quality control at all levels of the supply with sample analysis in accredited laboratories. GR dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- 3) Regular stock up dates and indents management done through **e-Aushadhi Software.**
- 4) Warehousing done in 76 warehouses across the state. All the medicine receipts of all warehouses in State (76 warehouses) are generated through software. All the 76 i/c Pharmacy Officers are provided with digital signature to keep this system tamperproof. Bar code system is introduced for all the medicines to facilitate quick recording of the medicines supplied. **Budgetary allocation with devolution of financial powers** for transport and storage of medicine etc. in place.
- 5) State has initiated the process of development of **Standard Treatment Protocols** for **promotion of rational drug use.**
- 6) State has drafted guidelines for maintenance of Drug warehouse.

7) The proposal of revisiting the EDL in light of possible inclusion of drugs of epilepsy, cancer, NCDs as well as XDR TB is under consideration.

8) Assessment of Supply Chain Management of essential Health supplies in tribal areas of Maharashtra was done by **KPMG**.

- The objective of the field assessment was:-

- ✓ Conduct field assessments at the 4 districts and collect data using the assessment tool

- ✓ Identify good / best Practices being followed at the 4 districts that can be replicated at other facilities

- ✓ Identify major gaps in the overall supply chain ( from state level till the sub center level)

- Coverage :-

- ✓ Field assessments were carried out at 36 health facilities that were identified during Phase -1 of the assignment across four districts(Pune, Thane, Nandurbar and Gadchiroli)

- ✓ The 36 health facilities identified for assessment represent all the levels of facilities across the supply chain i.e. state level, regional level, district level, sub – district level and community level

- ✓ The supply chain assessment for drugs highlights opportunities for improvement in the

- The report was satisfactory and state is in process of preparing and implementing the corrective actions.