

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
( Health – IV Branch )**

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**ORDER**

**Treatment Charges for COVID-19 patients availing treatment  
at Private Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Clinics**

Under the Epidemic Disease Act 1897 Punjab (COVID-19 Regulations 2020), the State Government directs that treatment charges for COVID-19 patients availing treatment at all Private Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Clinics shall be as follows:

**PART - I**

The private Hospitals/Institutions shall charge maximum per day package rates for COVID related treatments from self reporting patients in Punjab under various categories going on their own to private Hospitals/Institutes are as below:-

Category of hospitals	Moderate sickness <b>ISOLATION BEDS</b> Including supportive care and oxygen	Severe sickness <b>ICU without need for ventilator</b>	Very severe sickness <b>ICU with ventilator care</b> (invasive /non-invasive)
<b>All Private Medical Colleges / Private Institutes with teaching program (DNB etc.)</b>	<b>10,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 1200/-)	<b>15,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)	<b>18,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)
<b>NABH accredited Hospitals, Private Medical Colleges without Post-graduation courses/DNB</b>	<b>9,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 1200/-)	<b>14,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)	<b>16,500/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)
<b>Non- NABH accredited Hospitals</b>	<b>8,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 1200/-)	<b>13,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)	<b>15,000/-</b> (includes cost of PPE Rs. 2000/-)

1. The hospitals would follow the national/regional guidelines on admission of COVID-19 patients. Generally, hospital care is required for COVID-patients with moderate or severe/very severe disease. Patients with mild disease are to be managed at home or in COVID Care Centers which are not hospital but improvised isolation/ observation facilities created in Hospital/ non-hospital premises. However, patients with mild disease but having co-morbidities and/or if elderly, as defined may be treated as having moderate illness and therefore admitted.
2. The rates for private hospitals beds would be all inclusive as a package. This will include, but not limited to: bed, food and other amenities, monitoring, nursing care, doctors' visits/consults, investigations including imaging, treatment as per the national / regional protocol for COVID care and standard care for co-morbidities, oxygen, blood transfusion etc.
3. The package rates would include costs of medical care of underlying co-morbid conditions including supportive care and cost of medications thereof, for the duration of care for COVID. Since many of the COVID patients have conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular problems, etc., the charges for medical care of such co-morbidities will be a part of the package. Emergency Interventions required for co-morbid conditions like CAD would be charged extra. This would include short term



haemodialysis (one dialysis) as a part of acute care during the current admissions. Patient requiring more dialysis due to AKI should be charged as per pre-fixed rates after mutual agreement. A patient already on maintenance dialysis (CKD) be charged as per pre-fixed rates after mutual agreement. CRRT if indicated to be charged pre-fixed rates after mutual agreement and to be justified.

4. The rates would apply to standard care of COVID-19 patients as per the National/Regional Guidelines. The drugs like Tocilizumab or Remdesvir etc. are excluded from the package and to be charged as per MRP. These drugs to be given to the patients after expert review. Standard management of Co-morbidities would be covered.
5. The charges will not include the cost of COVID-19 diagnostic test(s) as well as certain specific tests IL6, PCT (to be justified) and if needed to rule out tropical fever etc. is excluded.
6. The proposed charges will apply to pediatric patients as well.
7. For pregnant women, costs for delivery (normal/C-section) and care of new born would be charged by the hospital extra as per prevailing rates of relevant packages.
8. There will be no compromise on the quality of clinical care services provided to the patients receiving services on the proposed package rates.
9. The charges of Plasma Therapy beyond ICMR study to be discussed later on as per the Government guidelines.
10. Charges of advance hemodynamic support like ECMO / CRRT / Tracheostomy are excluded from the package.
11. Major surgical procedures done (to be justified) on the patients during stay in the hospital will be charged extra.

## PART – II

Patients with mild disease who do not want to go for home isolation or Government COVID Care Centers (Level-I) may opt for Health facilities/institutions/center on payment basis which may not be hospital but improvised isolation/ observation facilities created in Hospital/ non-hospital premises and the maximum rate of package for isolation at such centers shall be as follows:

<b>Hospital rates for per day of admission (in Rs.)</b>	
<b>Category of hospitals</b>	<b>MILD SICKNESS</b>
	<b>ISOLATION Including supportive care and oxygen</b>
<b>All Private Medical Colleges / Private Institutes with teaching program (DNB etc.)</b>	<b>Rs.6,500/-</b>
<b>NABH accredited Hospitals</b>	<b>Rs.5,500/-</b>
<b>Non- NABH accredited Hospitals</b>	<b>Rs.4,500/-</b>

This includes baseline investigations as per guidelines and co-morbidity (like Hemogram, CRP, RFT, SGOT/SGPT, RBS, Chest X-Ray, ECG, Urine routine).

1. Repeat sampling except blood sugar is exempted as per the requirement to be justified.
2. Provision and facility of shifting patient to higher category ward / ICU in case of emergency.
3. For pregnant women, costs for delivery (normal/C-section) and care of new born would be charged by the hospital extra as per prevailing rates of relevant packages.
4. There will be no compromise on the quality of clinical care services provided to the patients receiving services on the proposed package rates.
5. The rates for private hospitals beds would be all inclusive as a package. This will include, but not limited to: bed, food and other amenities, monitoring, nursing care, doctors, visits/consults, investigations including imaging, treatment as per the national / regional protocol for COVID care level-I and standard care for co-morbidities, oxygen, blood transfusion etc.



6. If patient becomes sick and goes into more severe category of sickness, the patient shall be shifted to level II facility.
7. This is also inclusive of PPE kits and bio-medical waste disposables.

The prescribed rates are applicable with immediate effect.



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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and further action:

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab.
2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab.
3. Principal Secretary Medical Education & Research, Punjab
4. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Punjab.
5. Managing Director, PHSC, Punjab.
6. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab.
7. All the Civil Surgeons of Punjab.
8. Secy to Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare.
9. PA to Director Health Services, Punjab.



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