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*Respected Sir/Madam,*

As India moves on the path towards ensuring universal health coverage, the provision of essential drugs free of cost, especially for the poor, becomes a non-negotiable instrument. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is supporting states for essential drugs for several national programmes under Free Drugs Service Initiative (FDSI). This aims to assure the supply of necessary medicines and to lower the Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) of patients attending public health facilities.

To further facilitate effective implementation of this initiative, States/UTs have been supported to put in place a robust IT enabled supply chain management system like Drugs and Vaccines Distribution Management Systems (DVDMS). To facilitate the monitoring of supply chain management activity at National level, a Central Dashboard has been developed.

DVDMS has the key modules like annual demand generation, supplier interface, quality control, online challan, local purchase, inventory management, indent generation & drug issue, drug transfer etc. By leveraging technology, the real time & overall supply chain visibility will be enhanced and it would help to avoid stock outs and excess inventory. Many states have rolled out the implementation of DVDMS to SHC level which has strengthened the drug delivery system in their states.

Considering the above, it is requested that the DVDMS be implemented up to the level of Ayushman Arogya Mandirs- Sub Health Centers (AAM-SHCs) and the stock management and indenting through the DVDMS be ensured by the Community Health Officers (CHOs) in your State/UT.

*with regards.*

Yours sincerely,



(Aradhana Patnaik)

To,

ACS/PS/Secretary (HFW) (All States/UTs)