

Government of West Bengal
Department of Health & Family Welfare
State Family Welfare Bureau
Swasthya Bhawan
GN 29, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata- 700091

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Date 24/01/....., 2014

From : The Commissioner, Family Welfare & Secretary,

To : 1. The Director of Medical Education & e. o. Secretary,
2. The Director of Health Services & e. o. Secretary,

Subject : Discharge protocol for Postpartum Cases

Evidence based studies indicate that hospital stay for a period of minimum 48 hours after child birth in case of normal delivery and minimum 7 days after child birth in case of caesarean section delivery has resulted in significant reduction in morbidity, mortality & disability of both mother and new born.

Such discharge protocol has already been advocated in different guidelines issued by the department. It is hereby reiterated that postpartum mother should not be discharged before 48 hours of child birth in case of normal delivery and before 7 days in case of caesarean section delivery. During such stay at hospital or health center, the mother and newborn shall be rendered with required services like close observation, early detection of any complication, prompt management of such complication etc. along with other routine services like early initiation of breast feeding, administration of '0' dose OPV, BCG & Hepatitis B vaccination, Post partum IUCD insertion etc.

In case of the facilities having more than 100% Bed Occupancy at Postpartum or Maternity Ward, other suitable wards like Female Surgical/ Female General Ward should be utilized to accommodate such postpartum cases.

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Commissioner Family Welfare & Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

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1. The Mission Director, NHM,
2. The Addl. DHS, Admin, West Bengal,
3. The SFWO, West Bengal,
4. The Principal, All MCH,
5. The MSVP, All MCH,
6. The AMD, NHM,
7. The Jt. DHS, FW, West Bengal,
8. The DDHS, FW, West Bengal,
9. The DDHS, HA, West Bengal,
10. The ADHS (MH), West Bengal,
11. The CMOH, All Health District,
12. The DADHS, CH, West Bengal,
13. The DFWO, Kolkata
14. The Dy. CMOH III, All Health District,
15. The DMCHO, All Health District,
- ✓ 16. System Coordinator, IT Cell. with a request to post a copy of this order in the departmental website
17. Sr. PA to the Principal Secretary, Health & FW Department,

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