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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(JSY Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 13.05.2013

To,
The Mission Director-NRHM,
All States/UTs

Subject: Removal of conditionalities associated with parity and minimum age of mother for institutional deliveries in High Performing States and for home deliveries in all the States/UTs under Janani Suraksha Yojana-Approval of Mission Steering Group (MSG) –in continuation of letter dated 8.5.2013 regarding

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) is under implementation throughout the country since 2005. The scheme encourages institutional delivery among pregnant women by providing conditional cash assistance. In Low Performing States, the financial assistance for institutional delivery is available to all pregnant women regardless of age and parity who give birth in a government or private accredited health facility. However, in High Performing States, financial assistance for institutional delivery has only been available to women from BPL/SC/ST households, aged 19 years or above and upto two live births for giving birth in a government or private accredited health facility. Further, in all the States/UTs, the scheme provides Rs. 500/- to BPL women, aged 19 years or above and upto two live births, who prefer to deliver at home.

Despite the fact that Janani Suraksha Yojana has contributed in increasing the institutional deliveries in the public health facilities, recent evaluation conducted by National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) and study report on Maternity Protection in India by Ministry of Labour and Employment/International Labour Organization noted with concern that JSY excludes a significant proportion of women by virtue of exclusion criteria/ conditionalities of minimum age of mother and parity. These women who are excluded include adolescents below the age of 19 years and multiparous women who are at higher risk of maternal and perinatal outcomes.

Considering the above, a proposal to remove conditionalities associated with minimum age of mother and parity was placed before Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) which recommended the proposal for consideration of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Rural Health Mission. The proposal has now been

approved by Hon'ble Health & Family Welfare Minister and Chairman of the Mission Steering Group of NRHM as under:

- Removal of conditionalities associated with parity and minimum age of the mother for institutional deliveries in the High Performing States.
- Removal of conditionalities associated with parity and minimum age of the mother for home deliveries in all States/UTs.

In view of the recent decision approved by competent authority (mentioned above) and the decisions of the competent authority taken at different times earlier, comprehensive entitlements of beneficiaries covered and ASHA incentives, under Janani Suraksha Yojana beyond 7th May 2013 are given below:

Category of States	Rural Area			Urban Area			Eligibility Criteria
	Mother	ASHA*	Total	Mother	ASHA**	Total	
Financial Assistance for Institutional Delivery							
Low Performing States (LPS)	Rs.1400	Rs.600	Rs.2000	Rs.1000	Rs.400	Rs.1400	Available to all women regardless of age and number of children for delivery in government /private accredited health facilities
High Performing States (HPS)	Rs. 700	Rs.600	Rs.1300	Rs.600	Rs.400	Rs.1000	Available only to BPL/SC/ST women regardless of age and number of children for delivery in government /private accredited health facilities
Financial Assistance for Home Delivery							
LPS	Rs.500	Nil	Rs.500	Rs.500	Nil	Rs.500	Available only to BPL women who prefer to deliver at home regardless of age and number of children
HPS	Rs.500	Nil	Rs.500	Rs.500	Nil	Rs.500	

* Rs. 600/ per delivery in rural area includes Rs. 300 for antenatal component and Rs. 300 for facilitating institutional delivery

** Rs. 400/ per delivery in urban area includes Rs. 200 for antenatal component and Rs. 200 for facilitating institutional delivery

You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary instructions to all concerned field level officers to ensure implementation of Janani Suraksha Yojana in accordance with the above decision w.e.f. **8.5.2013**, the date on which the decision has been communicated (copy enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Rakesh Kumar)
Joint Secretary (RCH)

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All States/UTs

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