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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
(Ministry of Health and Family Welfare)

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To

**The Additional Chief Secretaries (Health)/Principal Secretaries (Health)/
Secretaries (Health) of all States/UTs**

Sub:- Renewal of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for
Health Workers fighting COVID-19 for a further period of 180 days - reg.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP): Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting Covid-19 was launched w.e.f. 30.03.2020 to provide comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs. 50 lakh to 22.12 lakh healthcare providers, including community health workers and private health workers drafted by the Government for Covid-19 related responsibilities, who may have to be in direct contact and care of Covid-19 patients and who may be at risk of being impacted by this.

2. On account of the unprecedented situation, private hospital staff/ retired/volunteer/ local urban bodies/contract/daily wage/ ad-hoc/outsourced staff requisitioned by States/ Central hospitals/autonomous hospitals of Central/States/UTs, AIIMS & INIs/ hospitals of Central Ministries specifically drafted for care of Covid-19 patients were also covered under the scheme.
3. The Scheme was implemented through the purchase of an Insurance Policy by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) from the Public Sector New India Assurance Company Limited (NIACL). Initially the validity of the Insurance Policy was for 90 days.
4. After the launch of the Scheme, it emerged that the pandemic may continue to affect population in India for a longer period. Therefore, to ensure the safety net to Health Workers working in the frontline, the scheme was extended twice up to 24.03.2021. Also, the number of lives covered under the Insurance Policy was increased by payment of additional premium.
5. In February 2021, NIACL was told to continue to process all the claims received under this policy till April 24, 2021. You may kindly recall that States were also intimated about it. There was also an understanding with NIACL to extend the policy as per requirement.

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6. Subsequently, in consultation with NIACL, the insurance policy has been revived w.e.f 24.04.2021 on same terms and conditions for a period of 180 days so as to continue to provide the safety net to the dependents of health workers who are deputed to take care of Covid-19 patients.

7. It is requested that the scheme may be given wide publicity amongst the health workers in your State/UT, who are valiantly fighting Covid-19.

Yours faithfully,



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