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To
The Chief Medical Officer of Health (All district)


Sub: Estimation of Haemoglobin of Pregnant Woman during ANC

As you know that estimation of Haemoglobin during 2nd and 3rd ANC is vital to detect anaemia amongst Pregnant Women and for which Haemoglobin Colour Scale has already been supplied to most of the districts. The supply of the same is expected to be completed by the current financial year to the rest of the districts. It has been observed that though the estimation is done by ANM at the sub centre, some of the ANMs needs further orientation. You are requested to instruct BMOHs to make the ANMs oriented in estimating haemoglobin during the Block MIES meeting.

It has also been observed that though severely anaemic pregnant women having haemoglobin less than 7 gm % was identified by the ANMs proper referral or follow up had not been done. In this context it is not necessary to remind you that most of the pregnant women having haemoglobin less than 7 gm% needs proper medical care and even needs blood transfusion to bring the haemoglobin level to normal to prevent death of PW and neonates.

Now you are requested to percolate the message to the BMOHs so that the ANMs may be made oriented to refer the patients directly to the facilities where there is facility of blood transfusion. The facilities may be instructed accordingly. Besides the ANMs have to maintain a checklist of this cases for proper follow up. As those mothers are high-risk one the delivery has to be done at the institution.

I am sure that through your active involvement the death of PW for anaemia will definitely be reduced in our state.


Jt. Director of Health Services (FW) &
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