

Government of Punjab  
Department of Health and Family Welfare  
(Health-6 Branch)

To

1. Director Health & Family welfare, Punjab.
2. Director Medical Education & Research, Punjab.
3. Director ESI, Punjab.
4. All the Civil Surgeons.
5. Principal Medical College, Amritsar, Patiala & Faridkot

Memo No.8/235/12-3H6/ 210540/1-05

Dated:Chandigarh:28-4-2014

Sub:- Providing free medical treatment to acid attack and rape victims.

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The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 31-8-2012 in case of CWP (Criminal) No. 129 of 2006 in the matter of Laxmi minor through her father Vs. Union of India and others has directed to appoint and constitute a committee for adopting measures for prompt treatment for care and rehabilitation of the victims of acid attack.

2. Amendments have been made on 3-2-2013 which have been gazetted on 2-4-2013 through a Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 2013 (No. 13 of 2013) and as per Section 357 C inserted in the Code of Criminal Procedures 1973, it has been provided that "All hospitals public or private whether run by Central Government, the State Government, Local Bodies, or any other person shall immediately provide the first aid or medical treatment free of cost to the victims of any offence covered under section 326-A (acid attack victim), 376 (rape victim, 376-A, 376-B, 376-C, 376-D and 376-E (all relating to rape) of the Indian Penal Code and shall immediately inform the police of such incident."

3. In view of the above amendment you are advised to provide free of cost treatment to acid attack victims and rape victims. Please pass on these instructions to all the Hospital Incharges run by the Department, Local Bodies or any other private person/institution for strict compliance.

4. This is issued with the concurrence of the Principal Secretary Health & Medical Education.

  
Additional Secretary Health (S)

Endst. No. 8/235/12-3H6/210540/6-10

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action :-

1. Under Secretary to Govt of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Hospital Section), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi for information w.r.t. advisory issued under No. Z 28015/46/2013.II, dated 2-5-2013.
2. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice for information and necessary action.
3. Managing Director Punjab Health System, Corporation, SAS Nagar.
4. All the Deputy Medical Commissioner in the State.
5. Superintendent Health-3 Branch.

  
Additional Secretary Health (S)