To

All the Civil Surgeons
In the State of Punjab,

Medical Superintendent
MKH Patiala & C.H. Jalandhar.

All the Dy. Medical Commissioners
In the State of Punjab.

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES REGARDING PURCHASE OF MEDICINES AND CONSUMABLES FROM THE EMPANELLED CHEMISTS.

In the month of January, 2011, after the State level tenders, on the basis of your recommendations H-1 chemists (offering highest discounts) were empanelled to streamline the purchases being made from the user charges of the medicines and consumables. Thereafter, vide our letter No. PHSC/GMFA/11/497-543, dated 4.5.2011, guidelines were issued regarding utilization of user charges for purchase of drugs and consumables. Also, guideline was issued vide our letter No. PHSC/GMFA/11/391-432, dated 27.4.2011 for purchase of medicines and consumable not being manufactured by the CPSUs from empanelled chemists by the Jan Aushadhi Stores.

2. Lists of the generic medicines (35 vital/basic medicines, 89 essential medicines Annexure-IV), branded medicines (Annexure-VI) and consumables (Annexure-V) along with a list of the manufacturers (129 for medicines, 14 for consumables Annexure-VII&VIII) were enclosed along with the tenders and the empanelled chemists were asked to offer discounts.

3. It is being reported by some districts as well as some hospitals that empanelled chemists are supplying medicines more than the prices (after discount) they were previously purchasing or being available in market. In this regard, it is advised that you must obtain a list of the MRP of the medicines of the manufacturers included in the tender and all the health institutions should purchase after looking into the cost effectiveness of the purchase by comparing different products available of the different manufacturers. The hospital should purchase medicines/consumables of the medicines/products available on lowest MRP offered by different manufacturers. In the past, this exercise was not done which has resulted into purchase of some medicines on higher rates. So you are now advised to immediately obtain comparative list of MRP offered by different manufacturers from the empanelled chemist or from the manufacturers directly in order to ensure that the purchases being made are at the lowest possible rates.

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4. This issue with the concurrence of the Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

GENERAL MANAGER (F&A)
For Managing Director

Cc to:

i) The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare for information.
ii) The Director Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, for information.
iii) The Director Health Services (FW), Punjab, for information.
iv) The Director PHSC for information.
v) The ACFA / AMA PHSC for information.