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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Hospital Services with easing of Nationwide Lockdown

In line with the announcement of easing nationwide lockdown by the Royal Government of Bhutan in a phased manner, the Ministry would like to continue its focus on ensuring essential and emergency healthcare services to the people. It will be crucial for all our hospitals to continue to implement new norms and advocate for new social norms in the communities to keep both health workers and people safe.

Therefore, as a part of our ongoing efforts of strengthening hospital services at the backdrop of pandemic response, we need to continue to provide the following services:

- 1) Provide a healthy and balanced patient diet to patients (including yogurt and fruits). No outside food will be allowed in the hospitals;
- 2) Meals will be served for patients and one attendant per patient until further notice; and
- 3) No change of attendants will be allowed till the discharge of patients.
- 4) The budgetary support for feeding one attendant per patient is to be requested to the Government.

These measures are crucial to keep our patients and attendants healthy while at the same time minimizing exposure to infection. This notification is in continuation to MOH/SEC/31/2020/1042 dated August 14, 2020 and is issued for compliance until further notice.

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- 1) P.S to Honourable Lyonpo, Ministry of Health, for kind appraisal
 - 2) All Dasho Dzungdags for information and necessary support
 - 3) Director General, DMS, for information and necessary action
 - 5) Director, DoS, MoH, for information
 - 6) Chief Planning Officer, Policy and Planning Division, MoH for information
 - 7) All Medical Superintendents/CMOS for necessary action
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