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To,

The Directors/Member Secretaries of
all State Blood Transfusion Councils.

**Subject : Guidelines for recovery of service charges for Blood and
Blood Components -reg.**

Sir/Madam,

The National Blood Transfusion Council in its 18th Governing Body Meeting held on 07 November 2007 has approved Service Charges for Blood and Blood Components. A copy of the Guidelines is enclosed.

2. As per the guidelines the service charges may be subsidised for the poor people by the State Governments in respect of the blood units issued from the blood banks in the Government sector and NACO supported blood banks. The extent of subsidy may be decided by the State and approved by the State Blood Transfusion Council.

3. No cost should be charged for issue of blood/blood components to cases of Thalassaemia and Haemophilia, who require repeated blood transfusion, a life saving measure.

4. The SBTC may adopt a mechanism for proper display and extensive dissemination of the service charges from time to time. Also please ensure that a copy of the guidelines is sent to 'Consumer Forums' in your State.

Yours sincerely,

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The Project Directors of All SACSS.

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GUIDELINES FOR RECOVERY OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR BLOOD AND BLOOD COMPONENTS

Recovery of service charges for handling of blood and blood components including its mandatory testing for transfusion transmitted diseases before it is issued by blood banks operated by various sectors may be regulated as under:

1. No charges are leviable for blood as such, as it is to be collected from either voluntary donors or from replacement donors who are not to be paid for donating blood.
2. The approved processing cost of blood and blood products are as under :
 - (a) Packed Red Cells/ Whole Blood - Rs.850/- per unit
 - (b) Fresh Frozen Plasma - Rs.400/- per unit
 - (c) Platelet Concentrate - Rs.400/- per unit
 - (d) Cryoprecipitate - Rs.200/- per unit
3. If the blood banks conducts some additional tests to be done under specific conditions or with the consent of the individuals, the same will be displayed in the blood bank premise. The specific conditions to be specified for additional tests during screening e.g. Leuko depleted blood units.
4. The cost recovery in respect of blood banks located in various sectors shall be on the following lines:

5.1 Government and Voluntary Blood Banks:

- (a) The service charges may be subsidised by the State Governments for the blood banks in the Government sector and NACO supported blood banks. The extent of subsidy may be decided by the State and approved by the State Blood Transfusion Council.
- (b) No cost should be charged for issue of blood/blood components to cases of Thalassaemia and Haemophilia, who require repeated blood transfusion a life saving measures.
- (c) These blood banks while issuing blood to private nursing homes/hospitals may realise full processing cost as mentioned at Para 2 above.

5.2 **Corporate and Commercial Blood Banks:**

- (a) The blood banks run by corporate sector hospitals and commercial blood banks may recover cost towards service charges of blood and blood products to the maximum of the service charged mentioned at Para 2 above.
- (b) If the corporate/private hospitals do not have their own blood banks they may get blood from either government hospitals or blood banks run by voluntary sector. In such cases, the private nursing home/corporate hospitals should not charge from patients more than what they pay to obtain the blood from such blood banks. They may, however, recover charges for additional (other than mandatory) tests done, if any.

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Details of Service Charges for Blood and Blood Components
as approved by NBTC on 07 Nov 2007

I. Approved service charges for one unit of Whole Blood :

1. Blood Bags

Single bag	-	Rs.50
Double	-	Rs.120
Triple	-	Rs.150
Quadruple	-	Rs.280

Average cost for single/double/triple/quadruple bag is Rs.150

2. HBV, HCV, HIV, VDRL, Malaria antigen	-	Rs.200
3. Donor Hemoglobin	-	Rs.40
4. Blood grouping antisera	-	Rs.60
5. Cross-matching	-	Rs.70
6. Chemicals	-	Rs.30
7. Stationery	-	Rs.20
8. Average salary	-	Rs.120
9. Power	-	Rs.60
10. Equipment maintenance	-	Rs.50
11. Glassware	-	Rs.50

Cost per unit for a single bag - **Rs.850/-**

II. Approved service charges for Blood Components :

1. Packed Red Cells	-	Rs.850/-
2. Fresh Frozen Plasma	-	Rs.400/-
3. Platelet Concentrate	-	Rs.400/-
4. Cryoprecipitate	-	Rs.200/-