

Date: 05th September, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Compliance of price fixation of Orthopedic knee Implant system – maintenance of uninterrupted supplies of knee implant system -regarding.

The undersigned is directed to state that, vide Gazette Notification SO 2668(E), dated 16.08.2017 National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has notified the ceiling prices of Orthopedic knee Implant system.

2. NPPA has been closely monitoring the implementation of price capping of Orthopaedic Knee Implant System while ensuring availability of all the orthopaedic knee implant system in the market of all 'brands'. The following additional clarification is being issued in public interest for compliance by the manufacturers/the distributors/hospitals/nursing homes/clinics.

- i. For the implementation of a price cap, the effective date is the date of final billing and not the date of surgery. Accordingly, if a patient had surgery done before 16th August, 2017 and billed on 16th August, 2017 or after that, the patient will mandatorily get the benefit of the revised prices. The Hospitals are under obligation to refund extra charged money, if any, to the patients immediately to avoid action by the State Drug Controllers and NPPA. All hospitals which are billing to the patients must display the revised price list of the orthopaedic knee implant system on a conspicuous part of the premises of Hospitals in such a manner so as to be easily accessible to public as mandated under Para 24(4) of DPCO, 2013.
- ii. Hospitals are also required to issue detailed bills to the patients clearly mentioning the brand name, name of the manufacturer/importer/batch no., category of the knee Implant system, date of expiry and other, if any.
- iii. As notified in the OM dated 25th August, 2017, all manufacturers/importers/marketers of knee implant system and all hospitals/nursing homes/clinics/ must display on 'home page' of their website, the MRP or Price of Knee Implant System at which they are charging/billing the patients, along with brand name, specifications and names of manufacturing/marketing company, within three working days from the issue of this O.M. It has been observed that many hospitals have not displayed the price of knee implant system at their websites. Notices are being issued to those hospitals who have not updated their website in this regard.


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1. All manufacturers / importers /stockiest of knee Implant system and respective associations
2. All Hospitals, Nursing Homes/Clinics/All hospital associations/Indian Orthopedic Association/Delhi Orthopedic Association/IMA/MCI/MTAI/All Medical Devices Association.
3. General public.