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Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Compliance of price fixation of coronary stents and related issues.


The undersigned is directed to state that, vide Gazette Notification S.O. No. 412 (E), dated 13.02.2017 National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has notified the ceiling prices of coronary stents. Attention is also drawn to subsequent clarifications issued vide following Office Memoranda:

Sl no	Date	Subject
1	16-02-2017	Implementation of prices fixed and notified for Coronary Stents under the provision of DPCO,2013 – reg.
2	20-02-2017	Clarification on trade margins in respect of coronary stents
3	21-02-2017	Monitoring/Implementation of Coronary Stents Ceiling Prices fixed and notified under the provision.
4	23-02-2017	Compliance and enforcement of coronary stent price cap notification No 8(41)/2017/DP/NPPA/Div II dated 13-Feb-2017.
5	28-02-2017	Monitoring/Implementation of Coronary Stents ceiling prices fixed and notified under the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013)-reg.
6	02-03-2017	Non-compliance of Stent price gazette notification indicating details of Stents in the bills by the Hospitals.
7	13-04-2017	Compliance of price fixation of coronary stents and related issues.

2. As per the notification and clarificatory office memoranda issued, all manufacturers/importers/marketers of coronary stents and the hospitals are required to comply with the notified ceiling price of stents and to adhere to instructions in letter and spirit.

3. Instances have come to the notice of NPPA that, few companies dealing with coronary stents have come up with freebies by announcing schemes such as 'buy 10 and get 3 free'. It has also been brought to the notice of NPPA that few companies sell the lower priced stent at higher prices thereby giving more than 8% trade margins. Such cases are being examined and strict action will be taken as per law.

4. Therefore, all manufactures/importers/marketers of coronary stents and all hospitals/nursing homes/institutions are once again directed to follow all instructions of NPPA which have been issued so far, with regard to the price fixation of coronary stents. Non-compliance of these instructions shall be taken up for prosecution under relevant provisions of Essential Commodities Act.


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To:

All Cardiac Stents manufacturers /importers/marketers