**BRIEF NOTE ON *NIRAMAYA* SCHEME**

1. **Background:**

“**NIRAMAYA**”, the **Free Medicines & Medical Consumables Distribution Scheme** is a flagship programme of Govt. of Odisha and is being implemented since 1st May 2015. Approximately 1.6 crore patients have been benefitted under the scheme till date. Multiple stake holders are involved in making this Scheme successful as follows:



**A. Drugs Provided under Niramaya:**

* **Drugs in the Essential Drugs List**

Essential drug list (EDL) is the list of drugs which are identified as per WHO Guidelines to satisfy the needs of majority of the population. They should be available at all times in adequate quantities and in proper doses, should be rational and should be of proven therapeutic value and safety. Presently 573 no. of drugs are in the EDL. This list is modified from time to time depending on requirement of patients. All the drugs in EDL need to be provided to the patients visiting Govt. health facilities.

**a) Procurement of drugs:**

Out of the EDL, drugs which are required in large quantities by the health institutes and are costing more, are identified for procurement through OSMCL. Presently, the number of such EDL drugs is 317. Besides, these drugs, the following drugs are also procured centrally by OSMCL.

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| **Sl. No** | **Description** | **No. of Items** |
| 1 | Surgical items | 83 |
| 2 | Anti-cancer items | 107 |
| 3 | OSACS | 21 |
| 4 | Child Health | 6 |
| 5 | Nutrition programme | 6 |
| 6 | Malaria control programme | 28 |
| 7 | Leprosy | 5 |
| 8 | Non EDL | 20 |

Of the total budget under NIRAMAYA, 80% of the same is utilized for central procurement by OSMCL.

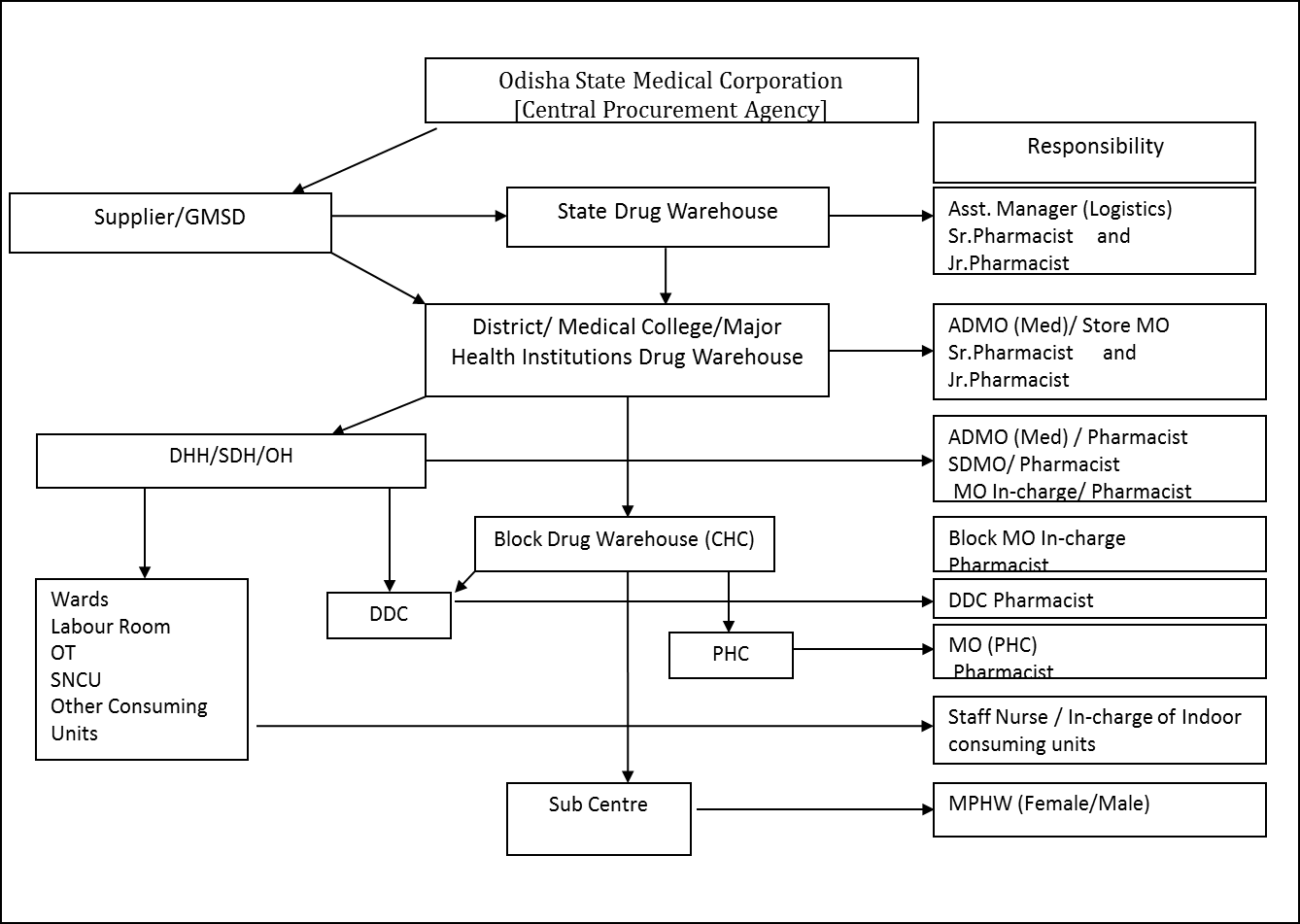
**b) Local Procurement of EDL Drugs at the level of Health Facilities**

For rest of the requirement of drugs from EDL, health Institution and Districts are required to procure them from the funds provided to them for local procurement. 20% of the NIRAMAYA budget is utilized for local procurement.

The following are the guidelines for utilization of 20% funds available for local procurement by CDMOs, Medical Colleges, AHRCC, Sishu Bhawan, Mental Health Institute, SCB Dental College, Capital Hospital & RGH Rourkela.

1. **EDL drugs not procured centrally but being prescribed by the doctors.**
2. In case of **temporary stock out of EDL drugs being procured centrally by OSMCL.** For this, the concerned authorities have been instructed to **initiate procurement at least 3 months before the expected stock out**. After finalization of the rates of such drugs, the concerned authority **will procure drugs only for a month’s requirement at a time, till the central supply is received**.
3. **Any other emergency drugs which are required as lifesaving drugs.** Such drugs can be procured **on the certification of the treating doctor** for proper monitoring of the scheme.

**Supply Chain Mechanism for Drugs procured:**

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**B. Physical & Financial Achievement under Niramaya for last 3 years**

**1. Budget for Procurement of Drugs under Niramaya**

The total budget for procurement of drugs for the Year 2017-18 is Rs.250 Crs. Out of this, approx. Rs. 198 Crs.(80%) is provided to OSMCL for central procurement of specified items and the rest approx Rs. 49 Crs.(20%) has been distributed amongst health institutions and Districts for local procurement of Drugs & Consumables.

**2.** **Procurement of drugs under the scheme since 2015 and continuing**

**i) PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS & SURGICALS UNDER NIRAMAYA SCHEME BY OSMCL OUT OF 80% BUDGET**

Under the scheme, during the financial year 2016-17, 275 types of essential drugs, 82 numbers of life saving cancer drugs, 31 types of special category items for Mental Health & 76 numbers of medical consumables were identified to be provided through OSMCL. Out of these, 383 nos were procured and supplied.

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| **Sl No** | **Financial Year** | **Total State Budget (Rs. In Crore)** | **Budget Allocated for Central Procurement by OSMCL (Rs.in Crore)** | **Value Of item received by OSMCL (Rs. In Crore)** |
| 1 | 2015-16 | 200 | 160.00 | 114.77 |
| 2 | 2016-17 | 220 | 176.00 | 151.93 |
| 3 | 2017-18 (Till 30.09.2017) | 250 | 198.10 | 58.90 |
| **Total** | | **670** | **534.1** | **325.6** |

**ii)** **Procurement of drugs by districts & other institutions in last 3 years out of 20% budget.**

**Details given at Annexure – A**

**iii) Procurement Plan 2017-18**

For the year 2017-18, State level drug Management Committee has recommended 573 no. of drugs under EDL which covers 317 no. of generic drugs, 107 no. of anticancer drug, 83 no. of consumables, 66 no. of programme drugs to be purchased by OSMCL and rest to be procured locally. In addition,

20 no. of non-EDL items are also recommended for procurement as per need of different indenting agencies. This is meant to bring in more no. of medicines under central procurement to satisfy the needs of patients under “Niramaya”. After receiving the approved annual indent from State Drug Management Committee (SDMC), tender for D&MC items for the financial year-**2017-18** for **435** items was floated in **2(two)** groups. Tender is expected to be finalised by end of November 2017 and Purchased Orders issue to be started by mid December 2017.

**C) Critical issues & Steps taken to address the issues:**

1. **Drugs indented were not procured**: Decision taken to not to restrict the indents for drugs & surgical given within budget, rather keeping the requirement intact and **procure, as per consumption**. This will ensure delivery of items as per demand of Health Institutions.
2. **Sufficient number of counter: 495 computerised Drug Distribution Centres (DDCs)** have been established across the facilities upto CHC level to distribute medicines at OPD counter.
3. **Sufficient number of Drug warehouses**: To store the drugs, plan afoot to operationalize **236** **block level Drug warehouses** for distribution up to PHC level from Block drug warehouses.
4. **Supply of drugs to the warehouses in time**: 49 numbers of **dedicated GPS enabled transport vehicles** are engaged for doorstep delivery of drugs up to PHC level.
5. **Prescription of available generic drugs by doctors: Prescription Audit has been introduced.** **Drug & Therapeutic committee** of each health facilities should do the prescription audit once every month. Instruction has already been issued regarding **prescribing drugs available under NIRAMAYA,** writing the name of the drugs in the prescription in Capital letters, **generic name** & full signature of the prescribing doctors **/ signature with Seal bearing the name of the prescribing doctor**. Collectors need to monitor this on a regular basis.
6. **Real time monitoring of all aspects of the scheme** **to avoid dislocation in indenting, procurement & distribution**: The new software **“e-Niramaya”** has been launched from 01.04.17 for managing the entire drugs supply chain and distribution process. The e-Niramaya software has been designed to streamline free drug distribution from Warehouse to Health facilities. Further, improvements in the software are in process. The software has following features.
7. Elaborate indenting module for giving indents for items by Medical College/Institutions/DHH sub-stores, Sub-Division Level Hospitals(SDHs), CHCs and PHCs
8. Information like shelf life of items, “near expiry status” and “supplier’s internal test report” uploaded in software.
9. Reports on stock position in Drug Warehouses (DWHs), Sub-stores, SDHs, CHCs and PHCs
10. Consolidated reports on delivered quantity and quality clearance of each Batch for early processing of payments.
11. Help desk queries & complaint modules for different Warehouses/Facilities, for immediate resolution of complaints.
12. Elaborate Quality Assurance Module for random selection of labs for Quality testing, sending samples to labs and receiving reports.
13. **Ensuring quality of drugs**: Steps have been taken for a **robust quality protocol** for the drugs procured. 12 labs (NABL accredited) have been empanelled after a rigorous QCBS based selection process.
14. **Clarity on roles & responsibilities of officers at various levels**: For effective implementation of the programme, roles & responsibilities have been worked out. Office order enclosed at **Annexure-B**. Further, the **State Drugs Management Unit (SDMU) under Director of Health Services** has been assigned the following tasks:
15. Monitoring & surprise visits by **State level squads** and analysis in the prescribed format.
16. Fixing accountability on non-performing districts/ medical college.
17. Compilation of prescription audit & findings.
18. Monitoring the use of e-Niramaya in co-ordination with OSMCL by health facilities.
19. Monitoring opening of DDCs.
20. **Monitoring of Local procurement** by facilities on nature of items procured, quantity of items procured & **online entry of locally procured drugs in e-Niramaya software.**
21. **Awareness, visibilty** and **grievance redressal**, Govt. has issued instructions for **branding of Niramaya for greater visibility & transparency, as follows:**
22. Opening of the DDC Counter (Niramaya Counter) at a conspicuous & easily accessible place in the facility.
23. Signages in the health facility with directions leading to Niramaya Counter.
24. Information board at the Niramaya Counter with scope of Niramaya & opening & closing hours.
25. Display board to mention contact details of the Officer handling Niramaya in the facility.
26. Display board at each OPD with list of available drugs.

Collectors are monitoring the scheme as per directions issued vide letter no. 15822 dated 13.06.2017 by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary H and FW dept. with a **check list** for review (copy enclosed). However, reports on review of the scheme are awaited from the Collectors.

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**Annexure – A**

| **Sl. No** | **Name of the District / institution** | **2015-16** | | **2016-17** | | **2017-18** | | **Total**  **(in Lakhs)** | |
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| Fund allotted | Fund spent | Fund allotted | Fund spent | Fund allotted | Fund spent | Fund allotted | Fund spent |
| 1 | CDMO, Angul | 86.34 | 81.25 | 91.27 | 56.36 | 52.56 | 34.59 | 230.17 | 172.20 |
| 2 | CDMO, Balasore | 140.07 | 136.26 | 152.30 | 152.29 | 85.28 | 55.72 | 377.65 | 344.27 |
| 3 | CDMO, Bargarh | 64.53 | 64.53 | 70.16 | 70.16 | 39.29 | 4.41 | 173.98 | 139.10 |
| 4 | CDMO, Bhadrak | 99.88 | 99.86 | 95.55 | 95.54 | 106.68 | 52.55 | 302.11 | 247.95 |
| 5 | CDMO, Bolangir | 123.34 | 123.30 | 145.13 | 145.13 | 75.09 | 42.84 | 343.56 | 311.27 |
| 6 | CDMO, Boudh | 37.22 | 8.08 | 10.47 | 5.28 | 22.66 | 6.21 | 70.35 | 19.57 |
| 7 | CDMO, Cuttack | 125.15 | 125.15 | 137.41 | 137.40 | 157.21 | 71.30 | 419.77 | 333.85 |
| 8 | CDMO, Deogarh | 22.91 | 22.30 | 24.90 | 24.45 | 13.95 | 1.52 | 61.76 | 48.27 |
| 9 | CDMO, Dhenkanal | 98.01 | 98.01 | 98.66 | 98.66 | 55.24 | 30.12 | 251.91 | 226.79 |
| 10 | CDMO, Gajapati | 60.13 | 60.12 | 65.37 | 65.37 | 36.61 | 9.54 | 162.11 | 135.03 |
| 11 | CDMO, Ganjam | 209.01 | 208.79 | 227.25 | 227.12 | 127.25 | 116.39 | 563.51 | 552.30 |
| 12 | CDMO, Jagatsinghpur | 59.63 | 57.76 | 64.18 | 63.69 | 35.94 | 0.17 | 159.75 | 121.62 |
| 13 | CDMO, Jajpur | 97.35 | 97.34 | 105.84 | 105.82 | 59.27 | 46.61 | 262.46 | 249.77 |
| 14 | CDMO, Jharsuguda | 55.50 | 55.50 | 60.35 | 60.35 | 67.38 | 32.87 | 183.23 | 148.72 |
| 15 | CDMO, Kalahandi | 111.88 | 111.88 | 121.65 | 121.65 | 68.12 | 0.00 | 301.65 | 233.53 |
| 16 | CDMO, Kandhmal | 108.80 | 108.74 | 118.30 | 118.30 | 132.08 | 81.01 | 359.18 | 308.05 |
| 17 | CDMO, Kendrapara | 58.96 | 58.96 | 90.71 | 86.26 | 53.77 | 0.15 | 203.44 | 145.37 |
| 18 | CDMO, Keonjhar | 99.11 | 99.11 | 107.76 | 107.75 | 60.34 | 41.66 | 267.21 | 248.52 |
| 19 | CDMO, Khurda | 106.86 | 106.86 | 145.77 | 145.75 | 109.08 | 104.92 | 361.71 | 357.53 |
| 20 | CDMO, Koraput | 104.62 | 103.12 | 113.75 | 113.22 | 63.69 | 0.00 | 282.06 | 216.34 |
| 21 | CDMO, Malkangiri | 56.31 | 56.31 | 81.59 | 81.51 | 87.70 | 36.06 | 225.60 | 173.88 |
| 22 | CDMO, Mayurbhanj | 193.81 | 193.34 | 216.54 | 216.54 | 235.28 | 162.46 | 645.63 | 572.34 |
| 23 | CDMO, Nayagarh | 69.65 | 69.60 | 101.77 | 101.77 | 56.99 | 0.00 | 228.41 | 171.37 |
| 24 | CDMO, Nowrangpur | 59.03 | 58.99 | 64.18 | 64.16 | 71.65 | 29.21 | 194.86 | 152.36 |
| 25 | CDMO, Nuapada | 44.49 | 44.49 | 63.68 | 63.58 | 54.01 | 25.99 | 162.18 | 134.06 |
| 26 | CDMO, Puri | 141.40 | 141.40 | 153.74 | 153.74 | 86.08 | 22.31 | 381.22 | 317.45 |
| 27 | CDMO, Rayagada | 68.06 | 68.05 | 73.99 | 73.85 | 41.43 | 0.00 | 183.48 | 141.90 |
| 28 | CDMO, Sambalpur | 119.10 | 119.07 | 151.89 | 151.83 | 136.09 | 68.16 | 407.08 | 339.06 |
| 29 | CDMO, Sonepur | 48.89 | 48.89 | 53.16 | 53.16 | 29.77 | 24.53 | 131.82 | 126.58 |
| 30 | CDMO, Sundargarh | 139.85 | 139.85 | 152.06 | 152.06 | 85.15 | 21.54 | 377.06 | 313.45 |
| 31 | Medl. Supdt. MHI, Cuttack | 51.43 | 51.43 | 43.74 | 43.74 | 16.09 | 8.76 | 111.26 | 103.93 |
| 32 | Supdt. Lep. Home Hospital, Cuttack | 26.43 | 26.42 | 7.70 | 7.70 | 16.09 | 0.00 | 50.22 | 34.12 |
| 33 | Medl. Supdt. Govt. TB Hospital, Uditnarayanpur, Kalahandi | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.72 | 0.00 | 8.72 | 0.00 |
| 34 | Medl. Supdt. TB & IDH, Puri | 12.19 | 11.65 | 8.15 | 8.15 | 17.16 | 1.47 | 37.50 | 21.27 |
| 35 | Medl. Supdt. B.M.S.N Chandpur, Dist-Nayagarh | 48.45 | 48.45 | 52.68 | 52.68 | 29.50 | 0.00 | 130.63 | 101.13 |
| 36 | CMO, RGH, Rourlkella | 27.75 | 26.23 | 17.31 | 17.31 | 16.90 | 13.49 | 61.96 | 57.03 |
| 37 | Directorate, Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar | 133.68 | 133.67 | 133.38 | 133.38 | 74.69 | 15.00 | 341.75 | 282.05 |
| 38 | Suptd. SCB, MCH. Cuttack | 371.33 | 371.33 | 437.93 | 437.93 | 264.82 | 204.15 | 1074.08 | 1013.41 |
| 39 | Suptd. VSS, MCH. Burla | 216.28 | 216.22 | 235.15 | 235.15 | 499.20 | 366.85 | 950.63 | 818.22 |
| 40 | Suptd. MKCG, MCH. Berhampur | 263.89 | 263.89 | 254.31 | 254.31 | 283.94 | 142.26 | 802.14 | 660.46 |
| 41 | Suptd. SVPPGIP, Cuttack | 144.05 | 144.05 | 47.89 | 47.88 | 26.82 | 15.71 | 218.76 | 207.64 |
| 42 | Principal Dental College & Hospital Cuttack |  |  | 2.37 | 0.00 | 2.68 | 0.00 | 5.05 | 0.00 |
|  | Total | 4105.35 | 4060.26 | 4400.00 | 4350.98 | 3562.22 | 1890.53 | 12067.57 | 10301.77 |