PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Estt: Health Services Dept. - Duties and Responsibilities of Ophthalmic assistant/ Refractionist /Orthoptist- orders issued.

Read.

1. Govt. Lr.No.40385/H2/2001/H&FWD. dtd. 17.12.01
2. Judjement dt. 17.04.2001 of the Hon'ble High court in OP.No. 13401 of 2001
3. This office order.No 53826/2000/D.H.S dtd. 16.05.2001
4. Rep. of Kerala Govt. Optometrists Association dtd. 16.07.2001

ORDER NO. EF4-53826/2000/DHS Dated 14.01.2002

As per the decision taken on the meeting dtd. 2/8/2001 at the chamber of Health Minister the following orders on duties and responsibilities of the Ophthalmic Assistant/Refractionist/ Orthoptist Grade II, Grade l & Senior Grade Ophthalmic Assistant/ Refractionist/Orthoptist are ordered in the annexure I&II respectively

Annexure-1

Duties and responsibilities of Ophthalmic Assistant/ Refractionists Gr.11 and GrII: They are posted at the block level Primary Health Centers & Upgraded Primary Health Centers. They work under the Medical officer in charge of Primary Health Centers and Community Health Centres. They may carryout the following duties.

1) To test vision and prescribe glasses in the PHC for 3 days a week (Alternative days)
2) To assist the Medical Officer in PHC providing eye care treatment of Trachoma, Conjunctivitis and other associated eye diseases.
3) To assist mobile eye unit in conducting eye camps in the respective area.
4) To survey the community for early detection of eye diseases by conducting mini eye camps in rural areas, in association with voluntary organisations , Anganvadies and mini Primary Health Centers, if need arises to make visits to the house of the invalids, totally blind persons by getting informations through the field health staff, voluntary organisations and anganvady workers etc. and according to the instructions by the medical officer in-charge regarding this cases.
5) To organise eye care education and eye donation activities.
6) To train staff at the peripheral level
7) To organise vision screening of school children for eye defects & refractive errors.
8) To refer ophthalmic cases needing specialist consultation to the Ophthalmic Surgeon in major hospitals and medical colleges through Medical officer or Medical Officer in charge of the institution.
9) To provide training to Ophthalmic Asst: trainees in Primary Health Centres.
10) To maintain the blind register in the concerned area and assist maintaining the blind registry of the district.
11) To maintain all registers related to eye care activities in the Primary Health Centres.

12) To take additional duties assigned to them by the Medical Officer in charge on special emergency situation and for public interest
13) To prepare and sent regular reports on eye care activities, school survey, community survey, blind registry updating etc to the District Medical Officer of Health through the Medical Officer incharge of Primary Health Centres.
14) The duty time shall be as per the working hours of the respective institutions.

Annexure II

The Senior Grade Ophthalmic Asst:/ Orthoptists /Refractionists posted to major hospital are under the supervisions of the District Ophthalmic Surgeon / Mobile ophthalmic surgeon / Major headquarters hospital Ophthalmic Surgeon etc. . The Senior Grade Ophthalmic Asst: need to carryout duties as follows

1) To test vision
2) To conduct colour vision testing
3) To conduct refraction and prescribe glasses
4) To do contact lens fitting if need
5) To do perimetry
6) To do orthoptic assessment and give exercise for pre and post operative patients.
7) To assist District Ophthalmic Surgeon / Mobile Ophthalmic Surgeon for all eyecare activities such as eye care against eye diseases, eye donation, motivation for cataract operation and eye donation during eye camps and otherwise
8) To conduct tonometry
9) To provide training for PHC staff and Ophthalmic Assistant trainees.
10) To maintain register including refraction registers, eye donation registers, blind registers etc.
11) To assist in maintaining blind register of the district
12) To assist preparing the periodical reports to be sent to the District Medical Officer of Health / District Programme Officer
13) The duty time will be as according to the hospital timing
14) Any other duty assigned by the Superintendent of the hospital on emergency situation

Irrespective of their cadres (Ophthalmic Assist Grade I, Grade II & Senior Grade Ophthalmic *Asst.) whenever Ophthalmic Asst: are posted they have to carry out the work of that institu*ti*on as per* the direction of the concerned Medical Officer in charge

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