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To

dated 12.01.12

- 1. All Civil Surgeons**
In the state of Punjab
- 2. Medical Superintendents**
CH Jalandhar & MKH, Patiala
- 3. All Deputy Medical Commissioners**
Punjab Health systems Corporation

Subject: - Regarding use of mercury based equipment in health care establishments.

Reference to the subject cited above,

You are intimated to issue instructions regarding use of mercury based equipment in health care establishments. Following instructions be issued:-

- 1 In future whenever a hospital or district has to purchase thermometers, sphygmomanometers and dental amalgams it should be ensured that these equipment are mercury free. Digital Thermometers and Aneroid sphygmomanometers from good manufacturing house should be procured. Glass ionomer/composite tooth fillings should be preferred in dental treatment.
- 2 It should be ensured that staff in hospitals is trained in handling of the mercury and management of accidental spill of mercury as per guidelines issued vide letter no.1165-1206, dt.21.09.11.
- 3 In case of spill of mercury i.e. in case thermometer or sphygmomanometer breaks, mercury should be collected as per the guideline in a separate leak proof box which should be labeled as "mercury". This box should be handed over to the firm collecting the bio-medical waste and noted in the log book.
- 4 The information of the mercury based existing equipment in the hospitals should be sent to the procurement branch of PHSC at email (phscddp@yahoo.com) so that a plan of replacing or phasing out mercury based equipment could be initiated.

Rajendra Sharma
Joint Director (P)

For Managing Director, PHSC

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following as mercury based equipment are also being used in PHCs, MiniPHCs, SHCs and Subcentres in the state:-

- 1 Managing Director, NRHM, Chandigarh.
- 2 Director, Health Services, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 3 Director, Family Welfare, Punjab, Chandigarh.

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