

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRAESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Strengthening the Primary Health Care System – Mainstreaming HIV/AIDS Control Activities with PHC Services – Contracting the services of two hundred and sixty six (266) Nurse-Practitioners under National Rural Health Mission for a period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 to 31.03.2011 – Orders – Issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL & AMILY WELFARE (L.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No. 1064

Dated: 13-08-2010.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt. No.233, HM&FW (L.2) Dept., dt.7.8.2006.
2. From the PD, APSACS, Hyderabad, Letter Rc.No.518/NRHM/APSACS/2009, Dt.31.3.2010, 8.4.2010 and 1.5.2010.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference first read above, the Government have ordered for the establishment of 263 Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTCs) for HIV / AIDS in Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres spread across ten (10) Districts. In this order, the Government have permitted the PD of APSACS, to obtain the services of two hundred sixty six Nurse-Practitioners through Non-Governmental Organizations, CHAI/LEPRA.

2. The PD of APSACS, Hyderabad in the reference second read above has stated that Nurses with GNM qualification were positioned in the Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres as Nurse Practitioners by obtaining their services from Christian Health Association of India (CHAI). These Nurse-Practitioners have been providing holistic services for HIV / AIDS counseling, testing, delivery and other services. The services of Nurse-Practitioners has been financed by NACO through GFATM Round-II since 2006. The Project Director has further informed that NACO has expressed its inability to finance the services of Nurse-Practitioners consequent to the cessation of funding under GFATM Round-II.

3. In this background, the Project Director, A.P. State Aids Control Society has stated that the Nurse-Practitioners have been providing valuable services for HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, out reach to the periphery to encourage pregnant women for HIV testing, taking up deliveries of HIV positive pregnant women, providing Niveripine Prophylaxis services to the mother-baby pairs of HIV positive women, in addition to referral services for STIs/RTIs etc. He had cautioned that in the absence of these Nurse-Practitioners, the Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Programme (PPTCT) could be affected, as there is no alternative mechanism for close monitoring of all pregnant women for HIV infection and follow-up of HIV positive mothers during pregnancy, child birth and in the post-partum phase.

4. He further stated that a proposal for financing the services of two hundred sixty six Nurse-Practitioners in as many ICTCs spread across ten HIV high prevalence districts is under active consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Government of India. In this context, the PD of APSACS has requested for the continuation of 266 Nurse-Practitioners for a period of one year, effective 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter observed that the cessation of NACO financing to 266 ICTCs functioning with Nurse-Practitioners would be a major set-back for HIV related prevention and promotion activities in the State, and decided to meet the expenditure of 266 Nurse-Practitioners from NRHM funds for the year 2010-2011. Accordingly, Government hereby order for extension of two hundred sixty six (266) posts of Nurse-Practitioners for a period of one year i.e. from 01.04.2010 to 31.03.2011, duly financing the costs from NRHM funds. The Government orders that these ICTCs must be integrated with the PHCs and CHCs where they are located and the Nurse-Practitioners shall be part of the PHC / CHC team responsible for overall maternal and child health services with special focus on HIV / AIDS control and PPTCT activities.

6. The Government orders that these 266 posts of Nurse-Practitioners should be filled with the candidates who are currently working in these posts, provided they are qualified to hold such a post, duly following the established procedures for contracting staff under NRHM through District Health Society chaired by the District Collector.

7 The PD, APSACS, Hyderabad / Commissioner, Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (SMPC) Department vide their U.O. No.20570-B/737/A1/SMPC.II/10, Dated 11.08.2010.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**DR. P.V. RAMESH,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To  
The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare,  
A.P., Hyderabad.

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The Project Director, A.P. State AIDS Control Society, Hyderabad.  
The Director of Public Health, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary (M&H).  
The P.S. to Secretary (H&FW)  
The Finance. (SMPC) Dept.  
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**SECTION OFFICER.**