



ABSTRACT

National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu – Change of nomenclature of the post of Medical Officers sanctioned to District Early Intervention Centres – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP.II/1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms.).No.180

Dated 07.07.2026

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.123, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 09.05.2014.
2. G.O.(Ms.).No.248, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 10.07.2017.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.582, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 28.12.2021.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.53, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 14.02.2022.
5. G.O.(Ms).No.38, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 18.02.2025.
6. G.O.(Ms).No.62, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 13.03.2025.
7. From the Mission Director, National Health Mission-Tamil Nadu, letter No.6434647/P6/NHM/2024, dated 28.06.2025.
8. From the Director of Medical Education and Research, letter No.81935/E3/3/2025, dated 08.10.2025.
9. From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, letter No.565/P&D3/1/2025, dated 19.12.2025.
10. From the Mission Director, National Health Mission-Tamil Nadu, letter No.RCH-ADOLORBSK/5/NHM/P6/2025, 26.12.2025.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) Programme has been implemented under National Health Mission, aiming at early detection and management of the '4Ds' prevalent among Children between 0-18 years – viz. Defects at Birth, Diseases in Children, Deficiency conditions, and Developmental delays including Disabilities, with a view to develop a healthy and

competent Society. Under this Programme, 39 District Early Intervention Centres (DEICs) have been established in 37 districts as per the Government Orders first to third and fifth read above with required Human Resources, to provide referral support to Children detected with '4Ds' during screening.

2. In the letter seventh read above, the Mission Director, National Health Mission - Tamil Nadu has stated that the following Medical Officers posts, among others, have been placed at 39 District Early Intervention Centres and these centres function with a 12-member medical and paramedical team headed by a Paediatrician to provide treatment and care for children with the above conditions.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of posts	Scale of pay
1.	Assistant Surgeon (Paediatrician)	39	Rs.15,600-39100 + 5400 GP
2.	Assistant Surgeon (General)	39	
3.	Assistant Surgeon (Paedodontist - Dental)	39	

3. The Mission Director, National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu has also stated that various review meetings have highlighted the essential role of Paediatricians in the examination, confirmatory diagnosis and treatment of children identified under the '4Ds' Programme (Defects at Birth, Diseases in Children, Deficiency Conditions and Developmental Delays including Disabilities). The Paediatricians posted in the District Early Intervention Centres handle a high outpatient load of around 70–80 new cases daily and attend to RBSK referrals, private referrals, self-referrals, Special Newborn Care Unit cases and delivery point screenings. They also play a key role in confirmatory diagnosis and treatment of children identified with the '4Ds' and conduct monthly coordination meetings with RBSK Medical Officers, Integrated Child Development Services and the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, besides providing training for effective screening of children. The services rendered by Paediatricians are also counted towards teaching experience, whereas the services of Medical Officers (General) in DEICs are not considered for the same.

4. In the letter tenth read above, the Mission Director, National Health Mission - Tamil Nadu has further stated that both Medical Officer (General) and Medical Officer (Paediatrics) belong to the Assistant Surgeon cadre and carry the same scale of pay. Hence, it has been proposed to redesignate the post of Assistant Surgeon (General) sanctioned to the District Early Intervention Centres as Assistant Surgeon (Paediatrics) in all the 39 DEICs without any financial implications, so as to strengthen the services provided to children under the RBSK Programme. He has also stated that the approval of the Executive Sub-Committee of the State Health Society, Tamil Nadu has been obtained for the above proposal vide Circulation Note No.17/2025, dated 08.12.2025 and has therefore, requested the Government to redesignate the post of Medical Officer / Assistant Surgeon (General) sanctioned to the 39 District Early Intervention Centres as Assistant Surgeon (Paediatrics).

5. In the letters eighth and ninth read above, the Director of Medical Education and Research and the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services have stated that

the District Early Intervention Centre (DEIC) is a crucial facility for early detection, early intervention and prevention of childhood disabilities through newborn screening programmes, specialized health camps for children and developmental assessment clinics. Children screened under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) from schools and Anganwadi centres are referred to the DEICs for specialist opinion and continuation of treatment. They have further stated that the services of a single Paediatrician in the DEIC are heavily burdened and that the role of Assistant Surgeon (General) with MBBS qualification is largely supportive rather than involving specific responsibilities. Hence, it has been suggested that two posts of Assistant Surgeon (Paediatrics) may be provided in the DEICs for their effective functioning and to achieve the objectives of the programme.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Mission Director, National Health Mission-Tamil Nadu, issue the following amendment to the Government Orders first and second read above:-

AMENDMENT

"The nomenclature of the posts of Paediatrician / Medical Officer / Assistant Surgeon (General) / Assistant Surgeon (Paediatric) sanctioned to the 34 District Early Intervention Centres established in the Government Orders first and second read above shall be read as Senior Resident (Paediatric) in respect of District Early Intervention Centres functioning in the institutions under the control of the Directorate of Medical Education and Research and Assistant Surgeon (Paediatric) in respect of District Early Intervention Centres functioning in the Government Headquarters Hospitals under the control of Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services."

7. The Director of Medical Education and Research and the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services are directed to divert two Paediatricians each to the District Early Intervention Centres established in the Government orders third and fifth read above and functioning under their control, instead of each one Medical Officer in the speciality of General and Paediatrics as ordered therein.

8. This order does not require the concurrence of Finance Department as per G.O.(Ms).No.43, Finance (Budget General-I) Department, dated 19.02.2026.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

DAREZ AHAMED
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Mission Director, National Health Mission-Tamil Nadu, Chennai-600 006.

The Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai-600 010.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-600 006.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-600 006.

All District Collectors.
All Deans of Government Medical College and Hospitals.
All Joint Director of Health Services.
All District Health Officers.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-600 018.
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-600 018.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
All District Treasury / Sub-Treasury Officers.
The Resident Audit Officer, O/o. the Principal Accountant General, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

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The Private Secretary to Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai-600 009.

The Health and Family Welfare (A / B / E / J / F / Data Cell) Department, Chennai-600 009.

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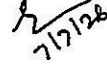
G.O.(Ms).No.38, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II/1) Department, dated 18.02.2025.

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