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**Subject: Incorporation SNOMED CT in Hospital Information System.**

Dear

MoHFW has envisaged establishing an integrated frame work for inter-operability & data exchange to enable Electronic Health Records (EHRs) of citizens to be created, made available and accessible national wide. Creation of EHR System is envisioned with objectives to facilitate continuity of care, better affordability, optional information exchange to support better health outcome, better decision support, big data analytics etc.

2. Toward this goal, the Ministry has approved and notified Electronic Health Records Standards (EHRs) in September 2013 and subsequently obtained country membership in April 2014 from IHTSDO for use of SNOMED CT. The Ministry has decided to provide SNOMED CT free of charge for use by vendors and medical professionals in India. C-DAC, Pune is currently designated as the interim National Release Centre (iNRC) w.e.f September 2014, for SNOMED CT in India and is facilitating its adoption and coordinating all activities related to licensing, training, promotion/awareness etc. for SNOMED CT. C-DAC, Pune also conducts workshops in this regards for medical professionals, health mangers and vendors at different locations across the country.

3. NRC, C-DAC Pune has also developed a free and open source toolkit to ease integration into existing and new healthcare applications. For further details, you may refer to the website: <http://www.snomedctnrc.in> or contact **Sh. Gaur Sunder, principal Technical Officer, C-DAC, Pune at gaur@cdac.in.**

4. Vide D.O. letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2014 and 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, MoHFW had been advising State/UTs Government regarding adoption of EHR Standards in Health IT system. In this regards, it is requested that concern department and vendor of your state may be advised to take license of SNOMED CT from C-DAC, Pune and SNOMED CT may be embedded in the Hospital Information Systems (HIS)/Hospital Management Information Systems (HMIS) already deployed in health facilities so that SNOMED CT can be implemented in the various District Hospital/ Medical Colleges of your states.

Sd/-  
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