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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

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Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

To,  
The Secretary (I/c)  
Medical Council of India  
Pocket-14, Sector-8  
Dwarka Phase-I  
New Delhi-110077.



Office of the Chairman  
Dy. No. 10747  
Date 16/5/17

Subject: Capping the ceiling prices of stents -reg.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to inform that National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has capped the ceiling prices of coronary stents vide Gazette Notification dated 13.02.2017 in which the price of Bare Metal Stents was capped at Rs. 7260/- and Drug Eluting Stents (DES) including metallic DES and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS)/ Biodegradable Stents at Rs. 29,600/-.

2. NPPA vide its letter dated 16.02.2017 (copy enclosed) informed this Ministry that it has been noticed that the industry, hospitals, distributors and certain cardiologists might try creating an artificial short supply of coronary stents citing the low ceiling price fixed by NPPA. It has also been noticed that certain hospitals are providing lower valued stents to patients, while billing them at NPPA notified prices which may lead to denial of the price benefits to needy patients and may result in health risks and some cardiologist may resort to multistenting or converting angioplasty cases to bypass surgeries.

3. It is therefore, requested that a circular may be issued to all the medical colleges, State Medical Councils and Indian Medical Association to arrange for strictly adhering to the provisions of the above mentioned Gazette Notification. The Council may also issue a notification/order for medical doctor in general citing the relevant provision of the Ethics Regulations. Action taken in this regard may be intimated to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,

(Amit Biswas)

Under Secretary to the Government of India  
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Encl: As above.  
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