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To,
Shri. Subhash Chandra Khuntia I.A.S
Chairman
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India [IRDAI]
Hyderabad

Dear Sir;

Subject: Requesting IRDAI to instruct Insurance companies to pay all dues to the private hospitals

As all of us are aware hospitals are leading from the front in the battle against the COVID 19 pandemic. The private sector is working hand in hand with the government extending all possible help towards meeting the challenges that lay ahead of us.

However, private healthcare organizations are going through a very difficult times and revenue has almost dried up. This is because the regular OPD's and elective surgeries have been reduced to a great extent and this formed the main source of revenue, from which hospitals were able to pay the staff and meet other operational expenses.

In the present situation many hospitals are in a very dismal condition and will soon have no money to pay to the staff including the frontline workers who are pivotal in the battle against the COVID -19 pandemic.

Insurance Companies luckily are not experiencing any shortage of cash flow on account of COVID-19. We are therefore making an urgent plea to IRDA on behalf of the private hospitals in the Country to instruct the insurance companies to immediately release all pending payments to hospitals. This will to some extent help in reducing the burden on the private hospitals during these difficult time.

We look forward to your urgent action in this regard.

Warm regards

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Director General, AHPI

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