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### CIRCULAR

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Sub:- Enabling Mahila Arogya Samithies under UPHCs to open savings bank accounts

Ref :- 1) Implementation frame work of National Urban Health Mission, Government of India,  
May 2013

2) Hand book on Mahila Arogya Samithy ('Mahila Arogya Samithikal enthu enthinu  
engane') published by the State Mission Management Unit in 2017.

All concerned may please take note that ,

1) As part of the communitisation process under the National Urban Health Mission, it is compulsory to organise *Mahila Arogya Samithies(MAS)* for every 50-100 house holds in the service area of each Urban Primary Health Centre in the state. These samithies comprising 10-12 women with a volunteering demeanour are meant to act as a vital link between the health care facility and the general community. Although MAS is a mandatory structure as per the Government of India directives, it is not perceived as a registered society.

2) With a view to organise locally relevant community health activities, each *Samithy(MAS)* is annually given a grant of Rs.5000/-. In order to handle this amount, the DPSUs are directed to facilitate MAS under its jurisdiction to start zero balance savings bank account with the Chairperson of such Samithies as principal signatory and the Member Secretary as the co -signatory. Each MAS is at the liberty of opening bank accounts in the local bank of their choice provided that the bank shall be an RBI recognised one with a unique Indian Financial System Code.

District Programme Managers shall take urgent steps to ensure that the MAS (already in existence and those being constituted) in their jurisdiction is opened bank accounts in its office bearers' name before 30th April 2018 so as to transfer the untied grant entitled to each such entity.

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To

THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME MANAGERS  
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