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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Regarding Non-requirement of conversion of primary visa into Medical visa when a foreigner seeks admission in a hospital owing to sudden illness.

This is with reference to a communication received from the Ministry of Home Affairs on the above subject. In this regard, It is to be informed that Ministry of Home Affairs has already liberalized the Medical Visa regime which exempts the foreigners from getting their primary visa converted into Medical visa for obtaining indoor treatment up to 180 days for seeking admission in a hospital owing to illness and has also permitted the foreigners to get the indoor treatment on primary(original) visa even for pre-existing diseases(except in cases of organ transplant) which the foreigner may have been suffering from even before his/her entry into India.

However, despite the above liberalization, it has been gathered that certain treating hospitals are still insisting for conversion of Visa into Medical Visa when a foreigner seeks admission in them, owing to sudden illness. They are being advised to get their visas converted into medical visa before admitting them in hospitals/treatment centers.

It is, therefore, reiterated that the above information about the liberalization in respect of Medical visa may kindly be again disseminated among all the tourists and other interested groups for better facilitation of the tourists.

(NirajSharan)
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To,

1. President TAAI / FAITH /IATO / HAI / FHRAI / ADTOI / ATOAI
2. India Tourism Offices Delhi/Mumbai/Chennai/Kolkata/Guwahati
3. DDG(OM) with the request to advise Indiatourism offices overseas for dissemination of the said information.
4. DDG (Publicity) / (NT)
5. Mr. Sanjeev Mukhi, Team Manager(Operations), Conneqt Business Solutions Limited.

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