U.11019/255/2022-HR Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health Research)

2nd Floor, IRCS Building, New Delhi, the 06th January, 2023

To,

Principal Secretary (Health)/ Secretary (Health)
[All States/UTs]

Sub: Instructions regarding filing application for getting certificates of medical indication and Essentiality, Parentage order before approaching clinic for surrogacy services in India under Section 4 of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to draw attention to the above noted subject and to say that action for submitting applications for the purposes as mentioned in the subject above as per Section 4 of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 shall be as under:-

- (i). For the issuance of Certificate of medical indication necessitating gestational surrogacy as per Section 4 (iii) (a) (i), the applicant(s) may approach the District Medical Board under the jurisdiction of the State of his/her place of residence or the place where residing due to employment.
- (ii) For issuance of Certificate of Essentiality, as per Section 4 (iii) (a), the applicant(s) may approach the Appropriate Authority having jurisdiction over the District Medical Board.
- (iii) For the issuance of the Order concerning the parentage and custody of the child to be born through surrogacy, as per Section 4 (iii) (a) (ii), the applicant(s) may approach the court of the State from where the Certificate of Essentiality has been issued.
- 3. After completing the above formalities/ procedures/ documents and other required formalities/ procedures/ documents as per the applicable provisions of Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 the applicant(s) may approach the clinics of his/ her choice located anywhere in India for availing required services.
- 4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,

(S.N. Jasra)

Director (Coordination)

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