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स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय/ Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
स्वास्थ्यअनुसंधानविभाग/ Department of Health Research
(एआरटी एवं सरोगेसी प्रभाग/ ART & Surrogacy Division)
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IRCS Building, Red Cross Road
New Delhi, Dated: 10th September, 2026

To,
The Principal Secretary (Health)/Secretary (Health) (All States/UTs)

Subject: Medical Visa requirement for Foreign Nationals intending to visit India for availing Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) services and OCI Cardholders to avail surrogacy services in India-reg.

Madam/Sir,

Kind attention is invited to this Department's letter of even number dated 11.08.2026 on the subject cited above. In this regard, this Department has received a clarification dated 14.08.2026 from the Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding the visa requirements applicable to foreign nationals and OCI cardholders intending to avail ART or Surrogacy services in India.

2. It may be noted that, under the provisions of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, foreign nationals are not eligible to avail surrogacy services in India.

3. It is hereby clarified that foreign nationals intending to visit India for availing ART treatment/services are required to obtain a Medical Visa, as per the applicable visa requirements prescribed by the Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs. However, OCI cardholders are not required to obtain a Medical Visa for undertaking ART or Surrogacy treatment/services in India.

4. In view of the above, the contents of this Department's earlier communication dated 11.08.2026 stand modified to the above extent and may be read accordingly.

5. All concerned States/UTs and other stakeholders are requested to take note of the above clarification and ensure that the same is appropriately disseminated for information and compliance.

6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


10/9/26

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