

Dated, August, 2007

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**(Kind attention: State YEP Programme Officer)**

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**Yaws Eradication Programme (YEP)**

The guidelines for introducing cash award to “confirmed yaws case” and “first informer of the confirmed cases” under Yaws Eradication Programme

**(I). Case definition:-**

**(a) Suspect case**

Anyone or more of the following symptoms in a person with a history of residence (present or past) in yaws endemic areas:

- Ulcer with or without scab on any part of the body,
- Bone and joint pains especially in night,
- Palmar/ planter thickening (hyperkeratosis), and
- History of any such lesions during last five years.

**(b) Probable case:**

A suspect case found positive by RPR test and confirmed by TPHA test.

Since there is per-se no confirmatory test for Yaws, the probable case will be taken as a case of yaws.

- Case should be reported as Yaws case only after laboratory confirmation.

**(II). Reporting system:-**

- Any person is authorized to report a rumour of yaws including the case himself.
- Report of a suspect case is to be made to any person of health deptt, viz. Health Worker, Medical Officer, District Health Officer.

**(III). Rumour verification:-**

- Preliminary verification will be done by PHC Medical Officer,
- The rumour will be further verified by a multi-disciplinary team at district level consisting of clinician, (Dermatologist) epidemiologist and microbiologist and district health officer; and
- A multi-disciplinary team (Dermatologist, epidemiologist and micro-biologist) from Govt. of India will investigate the case.

**(IV). Laboratory investigation:-**

- The PHC Medical Officer will collect serum sample of the case(s) for RPR test and TPHA test at designated laboratory and if found positive will be tested at NICD laboratories.