

## MANIPAL HEALTH ENTERPRISES LIMITED

### POLICY ON MATERIALITY OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND DEALING WITH RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### 1. Title

- 1.1 This policy shall be called the Policy on materiality of related party transactions and dealing with related party transactions (“**Policy**”).

#### 2. Effective Date

- 2.1 The Policy shall come in to force with effect from the date of approval of Red Herring Prospectus by the Board.

#### 3. Objective

- 3.1 Related party transactions have been one of the major areas of focus for corporate governance reforms being initiated in India. The changes introduced in the corporate governance norms through Section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended and the rules framed thereunder (“**Companies Act**”) and Regulation 23 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (“**SEBI Listing Regulations**”) require the companies to have enhanced transparency and due process for approval of the related party transactions. Pursuant thereto, Section 188 of the Companies Act and Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations require the Company to formulate a policy on materiality of related party transactions and also on dealing with related party transactions including clear threshold limits duly approved by the Board.
- 3.2 In order to consolidate the procedural requirements under the Companies Act, 2013 (the “**Act**”) and the SEBI Listing Regulations, along with the Industry Standards on “Minimum information to be provided for Review of the Audit Committee and Shareholders for Approval of Related Party Transaction (RPT)” (“**Industry Standards**”), the board of directors (“**Board**”) of Company has laid down this Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Act read with relevant rules prescribed thereunder and the SEBI Listing Regulations. The Board will review this policy at least once in every three year and propose any modifications to the Board for approval.

#### 4. Definitions

- i. “**Arm’s length transaction**” means a transaction between two related parties that is conducted as if they were unrelated, so that there is no conflict of interest.
- ii. “**Audit Committee**” means the audit committee of the board of directors of the Company constituted in accordance with the requirements prescribed under the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations.
- iii. “**Board**” means the Board of directors of the Company.
- iv. “**Company**” means Manipal Health Enterprises Limited.
- v. “**Key Managerial Personnel**” or “**KMPs**” means Key Managerial Personnel as defined under the Act and includes:
  - (i) Managing Director, or Chief Executive Officer or Manager;
  - (ii) the Whole Time Director;

- (iii) Company Secretary;
  - (iv) Chief Financial Officer;
  - (v) such other officer, not more than one level below the directors who is in whole-time employment, designated as key managerial personnel by the Board; and
  - (vi) such other officer as may be prescribed.
- vi. **“Listed Subsidiary”** for the purpose of this Policy, means a subsidiary of the Company which has listed its designated securities on stock exchanges in accordance with the Listing Regulations and on such subsidiary, the provisions of Regulation 23, sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 15 and Regulation 62K of the said Regulations are applicable.
  - vii. **“Material Modification”** shall mean and include any modification to an existing contract or arrangement with a related party having upward or downward variance of 20% in value of the transaction already approved by the Audit Committee / Board / Shareholders, as the case may be or such modification as may be decided by the Audit Committee.
  - viii. **“Material Related Party Transaction”** shall have the same meaning as defined in Regulation 23 of the SEBI Listing Regulations and/or contracts or arrangements given under Rule 15 of the Companies (Meetings of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014, requiring shareholder’s approval.
  - ix. **“Ordinary Course of Business”** with reference to a transaction with a related party means a transaction which is:
    - (i) carried out in the normal course of business envisaged in accordance with the Memorandum of Association of the Company as amended from time to time;
    - (ii) historical practice with a pattern of frequency;
    - (iii) common commercial practice; or
    - (iv) meets any other parameters / criteria as decided by the Board/Audit Committee, from time to time.
  - x. **“Policy”** means this policy, as amended from time to time.
  - xi. **“Related Party”** in relation to the Company means a party related with the Company in any of the ways as laid down in Section 2(76) of the Companies Act, SEBI Listing Regulations or under applicable accounting standards, each as amended from time to time.
  - xii. **“Related Party Transaction”** means a transfer of resources, services or obligations between:
    - (i) the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand and a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries on the other hand; or
    - (ii) the Company or any of its subsidiaries on one hand, and any other person or entity on the other hand, the purpose and effect of which is to benefit a related party of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

regardless of whether a price is charged and a “transaction” with a related party shall be construed to include a single transaction or a group of transactions in a contract, and

includes transactions as defined as a “related party transaction” under the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, the SEBI Listing Regulations or any other related law, regulation, standard, each as amended.

Provided that the following shall not be a related party transaction:

(a) the issue of specified securities on a preferential basis, subject to compliance of the requirements under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018;

(b) the following corporate actions by the Company which are uniformly applicable/offered to all shareholders in proportion to their shareholding:

i. payment of dividend;

ii. subdivision or consolidation of securities;

iii. issuance of securities by way of a rights issue or a bonus issue; and

iv. buy-back of securities.

(c) acceptance of fixed deposits by banks/Non-Banking Finance Companies at the terms uniformly applicable/offered to all shareholders/public, subject to disclosure of the same along with the disclosure of related party transactions every six months to the stock exchange(s), in the format as specified by the Board:

Provided further that this definition shall not be applicable for the units issued by mutual funds which are listed on a recognised stock exchange(s).

Explanation: For the purpose of clauses (c), acceptance of deposits includes payment of interest thereon.

d) Retail purchases from the Company or its subsidiary by its directors or key managerial personnel of the listed entity or its subsidiary, and relatives of such directors or key managerial personnel, without establishing a business relationship and at the terms which are uniformly applicable/offered to all employees, directors, key managerial personnel and relatives of directors or key managerial personnel.

xiii. “**Relative**” shall have the same meaning as defined in Regulation 2(77) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder

xiv. “**Senior Management**” or “**SMP**” shall mean the officers and personnel of the issuer who are members of its core management team, excluding the Board of Directors, and shall also comprise all the members of the management one level below the Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or Whole Time Director or Manager (including Chief Executive Officer and Manager, in case they are not part of the Board of Directors) and shall specifically include the functional heads, by whatever name called and the Company Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer.

## 5. Interpretation

- 5.1 Any words used in this Policy but not defined herein shall have the same meaning prescribed to it in the Companies Act, the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, as amended, or rules and regulations made thereunder including the SEBI Listing Regulations, the applicable accounting standards or any other relevant legislation/law applicable to the Company.
- 5.2 The reference to the masculine gender in the Policy shall be deemed to include a reference to feminine gender.
- 5.3 In case of any dispute or difference upon the meaning / interpretation of any word or provision in this policy, the same shall be referred to the Audit Committee and the decision of the Audit Committee shall be final. In interpreting such term/provision, the Audit Committee may seek the help of any of the officers of the Company or an external expert as it deems fit.

## **6. Procedure**

### **6.1 Disclosure by Directors**

- 6.1.1 Every director shall at the beginning of the financial year provide information by way of written notice to the Company regarding his concern or interest in the entity with specific concern to parties which may be considered as Related Party with respect to the Company and shall also provide the list of Relatives which are regarded as Related Party as per this Policy.
- 6.1.2 Directors are also required to provide the information regarding their engagement with other entity during the financial year which may be regarded as related party according to this Policy.

### **6.2 Identification of Transaction with Related Parties**

- 6.2.1 Each promoter, director, KMP and SMP is responsible for providing notice to the Company or Audit Committee of any potential Related Party Transaction involving him or her or his or her Relative, including any additional information about the transaction that the Board / Audit Committee may reasonably request. Audit Committee will determine whether a transaction does constitute a Related Party Transaction requiring compliance with this Policy.
- 6.2.2 Each director, KMP and SMP shall make an annual declaration as per the provisions of the Companies Act and the rules framed thereof, as may be applicable with respect to Related Party transactions to the Company (i) at the time of appointment of such person to office; (ii) at the first meeting of the Board held in every financial year and/or (iii) whenever there is any change in the disclosures already made and thereafter such changes.
- 6.2.3 Any change in the list of Relatives shall be intimated by the Directors and KMPs/SMPs by way of a fresh declaration to the Company.

## **7. Approval of Related Party Transactions**

### **7.1 Audit Committee**

- 7.1.1 Related party transactions will be referred to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Audit Committee for review and approval. Any member of the Audit Committee or the Board who has potential interest in any Related Party Transaction in terms of Rule 15(2) of the Companies (Meeting of Board and its Powers) Rules, 2014 shall not be present at the meeting during the discussions on the subject matter and shall recuse himself or herself and abstain from discussion and voting on the approval of the Related Party Transaction.
- 7.1.2 All the transactions which are identified as Related Party Transactions and subsequent Material Modifications to such Related Party Transactions, should be preapproved by the Audit

Committee of the Company before entering into such transaction. Provided that only those members of the audit committee, who are independent directors, shall approve such Related Party Transactions.

7.1.3 In the event of a Related Party Transaction above rupees one crore, whether entered into individually or taken together with previous transactions during a financial year, to which the subsidiary of the Company is a party but the Company is not a party and such subsidiary does not have audited financial statements for a period of at least one year, prior approval of the audit committee of the Company shall be obtained if the value of such transaction exceeds the lower of the following:

- i. Ten percent of the aggregate value of paid-up share capital and securities premium account of the subsidiary; or
- ii. The threshold for material Related Party Transactions of listed entity as specified in Schedule XII of these regulations:

Provided that the aggregate value of paid-up share capital and securities premium account of the subsidiary shall be taken as on a date, not older than three months prior to the date of seeking approval of the audit committee.

The Members of the Audit Committee who are independent directors, may ratify related party transactions within three months from the date of the transaction or in the immediate next meeting of the Audit Committee, whichever is earlier, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The value of the ratified transaction(s) with a related party, whether entered into individually or taken together, during a financial year shall not exceed rupees one crore;
- (ii) The transaction is not material in nature as defined above;
- (iii) Rationale for inability to seek prior approval for the transaction shall be placed before the Audit Committee at the time of seeking ratification;
- (iv) The details of ratification shall be disclosed along with the disclosures of related party transactions in terms of the provisions of 23(9) of the Listing Regulations;
- (v) any other condition as specified by the Audit Committee.

Provided that failure to seek ratification of the Audit Committee shall render the transaction voidable at the option of the Audit Committee and if the transaction is with a related party to any Director, or is authorised by any other Director, the Director(s) concerned shall indemnify the listed entity against any loss incurred by it;

7.1.4 The Audit Committee shall consider the following factors while deliberating the related party transactions for its approval:

- i. Name of party and details explaining nature of relationship;
- ii. Duration of the contract and particulars of the contract and arrangement;
- iii. Nature of transaction and material terms thereof including the value, if any;
- iv. Manner of determining the pricing to ascertain whether the same is on arm's length;
- v. Business rationale for entering into such transaction; and
- vi. Any other information relevant or important for the Board to take a decision on the proposed transaction.

7.1.5 In determining whether to approve a Related Party Transaction, the Audit Committee will consider the following factors, among others, to the extent relevant to the Related Party Transaction:

- i. Whether the terms of the Related Party Transaction are fair and on arm's length basis to the Company and would apply on the same basis if the transaction did not involve a Related Party;
- ii. Whether the Related Party Transaction is in the ordinary course of business of the Company?
- iii. Whether there are any compelling business reasons / rationale for the Company to enter into the Related Party Transaction and the nature of alternative transactions, if any;
- iv. Whether the Related Party Transaction would affect the independence of an independent director;
- v. Whether the proposed transaction includes any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the proposed transaction;
- vi. Whether the Company was notified about the Related Party Transaction before its commencement and if not, why pre-approval was not sought and whether subsequent ratification is allowed and would be detrimental to the Company; and
- vii. Whether the Related Party Transaction would present an improper conflict of interest for any Director or Key Managerial Personnel of the Company, taking into account the size of the transaction, the overall financial position of the Director, Executive Officer or other Related Party, the direct or indirect nature of the Director's, Key Managerial Personnel's or other Related Party's interest in the transaction and the ongoing nature of any proposed relationship and any other factors the Board / Committee deems relevant.

7.1.6 The Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for Related Party Transactions proposed to be entered into by the Company subject to the following conditions:

- i. The Audit Committee shall lay down the criteria for granting the omnibus approval in line with the Policy on Related Party Transactions of the Company and such approval shall be applicable in respect of transactions which are repetitive in nature;
- ii. The Audit Committee shall satisfy itself the need for such omnibus approval and that such approval is in the interest of the Company;
- iii. Such omnibus approval shall specify (i) the name/s of the related party, nature of transaction, period of transaction, maximum amount of transaction that can be entered into, (ii) the indicative base price / current contracted price and the formula for variation in the price if any, (iii) Applicable disclosures as mentioned in Industry standards on minimum information to be provided to Audit Committee if the such transactions meets applicability thresholds, and (iv) such other conditions as the Audit Committee may deem fit;

Provided that where the need for Related Party Transaction cannot be foreseen and aforesaid details are not available, Audit Committee may grant omnibus approval for such transactions subject to their value not exceeding ₹ 1 crore per transaction;

- iv. Audit Committee shall review, at least on a quarterly basis, the details of Related Party Transactions entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries pursuant to each of the omnibus approval given; and
- v. Such omnibus approvals shall be valid for a period not exceeding one year and shall require fresh approvals after the expiry of one year.

The below transactions cannot be approved through omnibus route:

- Transactions in respect of selling or disposing of the undertaking of the Company;
- Transactions and subsequent material modifications which are considered as not in ordinary course of business and/or not at the arm's length basis;
- Transactions that exceed the threshold specified by the Board;
- Any other transaction as may be specified under the Companies Act, 2013 or rules made there under or SEBI Listing Regulations.

## **7.2 Board of Directors**

7.2.1 In case of Related Party Transaction which is not in the ordinary course of business or not at arm's length transaction, whether or not it is a material Related Party Transaction, prior approval of the Board through a resolution passed at the meeting of the Board shall be necessary.

7.2.2 All other RPTs as referred by the Audit Committee from time to time.

Information in such form and manner as prescribed in the Act, RPT Industry Standards, and/or SEBI Listing Regulations shall be provided to the Board.

7.2.3 Where any director is interested in any contract or arrangement with a Related Party, such director shall not be present at the meeting during discussions on the subject matter of the resolution relating to such contract or arrangement.

7.2.4 The policy shall be reviewed by the Board at least once every three years.

## **7.3 Shareholder approval**

7.3.1 All material related party transactions and subsequent material modifications as defined by the audit committee shall require prior approval of the shareholders through resolution and no Related Party shall vote on such resolutions whether the entity is a Related Party to the particular transaction or not. However, the said requirement would not be applicable in respect of a resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 subject to the event being disclosed to the recognized stock exchanges within one day of the resolution plan being approved.

7.3.2 That the omnibus approval granted by the shareholders for material Related Party Transactions in an annual general meeting shall be valid till the date of the next annual general meeting held within the timelines prescribed under Section 96 of the Companies Act, 2013 or rules, notifications, or circulars issued thereunder from time to time, and the in case of omnibus approvals for material related party transactions, granted by shareholders in general meetings other than annual general meeting, the validity of such omnibus approvals shall not exceed one year from the date of such approval.

7.3.3 If a related party transaction is not in the ordinary course of business, or not at arm's length price and exceeds certain thresholds as prescribed under Section 188 of the Companies Act, it

shall require shareholders' approval by a resolution. The Related Parties shall abstain from voting as shareholders in case of Related Party Transactions which require the approval of shareholders.

- 7.3.4 However, the shareholders' approval is not required for the transactions entered into between the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries whose accounts are consolidated with the Company; transactions entered into between two-wholly owned subsidiaries of the listed holding company, whose accounts are consolidated with such holding company and placed before the shareholders at the general meeting for approval; Related Party Transactions to which the Listed Subsidiary is a party but the Company is not a party, if regulation 23, sub-regulation (2) of regulation 15 and Regulation 62K of these regulations are applicable to such Listed Subsidiary; Related Party Transactions of unlisted subsidiaries of a Listed Subsidiary, the prior approval of the shareholders of the Listed Subsidiary shall suffice; and Resolution plan approved under section 31 of the Insolvency Code, subject to the event being disclosed to the recognized stock exchanges within one day of the resolution plan being approved. All the Remuneration and sitting fees paid by the Company or its subsidiary, as applicable, to its Director, key managerial personnel or Senior Management, except who is part of promoter or promoter group, shall not require approval of the audit committee provided that the same is not material as defined above

#### **7.4 Process for Dealing with Related Party Transactions**

- 7.4.1 A list of all the related parties in relation to the Company received from the Board shall be updated from time to time.
- 7.4.2 Basis the aforesaid list of related parties, every department shall, prior to entering in to any contract or arrangement with a related party, ascertain whether the proposed contract or arrangement satisfies the approval mechanism prescribed under this Policy.
- 7.4.3 The contract / arrangement shall not be entered in to without the necessary approval from the Audit Committee / Board / shareholders, as the case may be. Compliance to this condition will strictly be adhered to by the concerned department proposing the underlying contract or arrangement.

#### **8. Reporting of Related Party Transactions**

Every contract or arrangement, which is required to be approved by the Board / shareholders under this Policy, shall be referred to in the Board's report to the shareholders along with the justification for entering into such contract or arrangement.

- 8.1 The Company shall disclose the policy on dealing with Related Party Transactions on its website and a web link thereto shall be provided in the Annual Report of the Company.
- 8.2 Appropriate disclosures as required under the Act and the SEBI Listing Regulations shall be made by the Company to the relevant authorities from time to time in the prescribed returns/forms/formats

#### **9. Amendments**

- 9.1 Any change in the Policy shall be approved by the Board of the Company. The Board shall have the right to withdraw and / or amend any part of this Policy or the entire Policy, at any time, as it deems fit, or from time to time, and the decision of the Board in this respect shall be final and binding. The Policy shall be reviewed by the Board at least once every three years and updated accordingly. Any subsequent amendment / modification in the Act or the Listing Regulations and / or any other laws in this regard shall automatically apply to this Policy. Any

subsequent amendment/modification in the Companies Act 2013, or the Rules framed thereunder or the SEBI Listing Regulations and/or any other laws in this regard, the statutes would prevail over the Policy and shall automatically apply to this Policy.

**10. Communication of this Policy**

10.1 This Policy shall be posted on the website of the Company at <https://www.manipalhospitals.com>.

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