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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE)  
SENA BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

Dated 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

The Chief of Army Staff  
The Chief of Naval Staff  
The Chief of Air Staff

**Subject : To permit ECHS Beneficiaries to avail medical facilities under alternative system of medicines AYUSH.**

Sir,

With reference to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2003 as amended from time to time, I am directed to convey sanction of the government for permitting ECHS beneficiaries to avail medical facility under AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) system of medicines through Government AYUSH hospital, Colleges, National Institute of AYUSH, all Government dispensaries, District hospitals, Sub district hospitals, PHC/CHC/ Municipality hospitals that are funded by Central/State Government/Local Government and are having facility for consultation/ treatment/ procedures/ investigations/medicines of AYUSH system of medicines. Prior permission from either of parent Polyclinic/ Regional Centre or ECHS Central Organisation (Director Medical) as per the own choice of ECHS beneficiary has to be taken mandatorily before taking treatment in Government AYUSH facility to become eligible for claiming reimbursement subject to the condition that the reimbursement will be as per actual cost incurred and that they have to initially pay for their treatment and claim reimbursement for consultation/ treatment/ procedures/ investigations/ medicines etc.

2. The permission would generally be granted except in the following condition.

(i) If beneficiary is already undergoing treatment under Allopathic system, he/she will not be granted permission to take treatment concurrently under AYUSH System. But beneficiary may shift to another system of medicine after stopping treatment in one system for which permission would be granted. The choice of selecting one system of medicine to avail treatment as per their choice is entirely of the beneficiary. Permission to obtain treatment under two or more systems of medicines concurrently would not be granted.

(ii) Patients seeking permission for treatment in facilities other than those Government AYUSH hospitals/ facilities as specified in the DGL will not be granted.

(iii) Permission for treatment for non therapeutic purpose / procedure will be refused.



