

No. 22D (09)/2013/US (WE)/D (Res)  
Government of India  
Deptt of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
Ministry of Defence  
New Delhi

Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013

To,

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

**Subject:-** Medical facilities for in-patient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment to ECHS beneficiaries residing in districts not covered by ECHS.

Sir,

1. The undersigned is directed to invite attention to Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 24(48)/03/US(WE)D(Res) dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 and to state that keeping in view, the difficulties being faced by the ECHS beneficiaries residing in districts not covered by ECHS it has now been decided to liberalise the ECHS Rules as follows to enable them to avail medical facilities for in-patient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment:-

- (a)
  - (i) ECHS beneficiaries who are holding a valid ECHS Card and are residing in districts not covered by ECHS shall be eligible to obtain treatment from Govt. (Central/State/Local Self Government) hospitals and submit the medical re-imburement claim to the ECHS Polyclinic (i.e. they can avail the treatment without obtaining referral from Polyclinic located outside their district).
  - (ii) Re-imburement shall be limited to the CGHS rates applicable to the nearest ECHS Polyclinic and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actuals whichever is lower.
- (b)
  - (i) ECHS beneficiaries who are holding a valid ECHS card and are residing in districts not covered by ECHS shall be eligible to obtain post-operative follow-up treatment from Govt. (Central/State/Local Self Government) hospitals in follow up cases of Renal Transplant Surgery, Knee and Hip Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Neuro Surgery and Cardiac Surgery. However, prior permission (referral) is to be obtained from the OIC of nearest ECHS Polyclinic.

(ii) Permission shall be issued for 3 to 6 months at a time and may be extended based on medical requirement. Re-imburement for consultation, procedures and investigations shall be limited to CGHS rates applicable to the nearest ECHS polyclinic and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actuals ,whichever may be lower. OPD medicines shall be obtained from the concerned Polyclinic for a maximum period of 3 months at a time.

2. These order will come into effect from date of issue.

3. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (Finance) vide U.O. 1574/13/Fin/Pen dated 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

Yours faithfully,



( HK Mallick)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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