

**No18(92)/2018/WE/D(Res-1)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of ExServicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 14th September, 2018

To,  
The Chief of Army Staff  
The Chief of Naval Staff  
The Chief of Air Staff

**Subject : Relaxation of Rules for Treatment of ECHS Beneficiaries in Kerala and Kodagu District of Karnataka in view of recent Floods**

Sir,

In view of the grim situation prevailing in Kerala and Kodagu District of Karnataka due to recent floods and the hardship faced by ECHS beneficiaries there, I am directed to convey the sanction of Government for relaxing the relevant rules and allowing all ECHS beneficiaries located in Kerala and Kodagu District of Karnataka to

- (a) avail treatment in any empanelled hospital without referral for both IPD & OPD treatment.
  - (b) avail treatment at any non empanelled hospital even in non-emergency condition on reimbursement basis
2. A maximum of 14 days medicines is allowed to be dispensed at a time by both empanelled / non empanelled hospitals irrespective of the emergency / IPD & OPD treatment.
  3. The rates applicable for treatment and reimbursement shall be as per ECHS/CGHS rates.
  4. This general relaxation shall continue till further orders. On normalization of the situation, this general relaxation shall be withdrawn.
  5. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance/Pension) vide their U.O. No. 32(27)/2018/FIN/PEN dated 12.09.2018.

Yours faithfully


  
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