

No. 22D(19)/2020-D(WE/Res-I)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
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221, B-Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi.  
Dated: 17 August, 2021

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

Subject:- Reimbursement of cost of Medicine : Special Sanction in view of the Covid-19 till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021- regarding.

Sir,

Refer to MoD/DoESW Letter No. 22D(19)/ 2020- D(WE/D(Res-I) dated 24.04.2021.

2. An onetime sanction for purchase of medicines and claim reimbursement of cost of medicine was issued till 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021, vide letter referred above. In view of current situation of COVID-19 pandemic and restricted movements in containment zones, to promote social distancing and avoiding unnecessary exposure to ECHS beneficiaries to COVID-19 as well as minimizing footfall at ECHS Polyclinics and to protect from probable third wave of Covid 19, the ECHS beneficiaries having life style/chronic ailments/diseases on long treatment may purchase medicines till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 based on the prescription held (prescribed by doctor of ECHS Polyclinic/Service Hospital/Empanelled hospital/Sehat OPD) irrespective of NA or otherwise on reimbursement basis. It is also clarified that the ECHS Polyclinics are functional and ECHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through ECHS Polyclinics as per normal practice, instead of purchasing from market, after taking prior appointment from respective OIC, ECHS Polyclinic.
3. One-time sanction is hereby accorded to reimburse the above expenditure under individual reimbursement of medical claims. The reimbursement will be done as per guidelines issued by CO, ECHS vide letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS/ Medicines Policy dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and even No. dated 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2020.
4. This will be applicable beyond 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021 to till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.
5. This issue with the concurrence of MoD(Finance/Pension) vide ID Note No. 32(09)/2020/Fin/Pen, dated 17.08.2021.

Yours faithfully,

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