

EX –SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTION HEALTH SCHEME

Part - I

Introduction

The Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), which is a flagship scheme of the Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, was launched on 1st April 2003. The Scheme aims at providing Quality Medicare to Ex-servicemen pensioners and their dependents through a network of ECHS Polyclinics, Armed Forces medical facilities and private empanelled/government hospitals spread across the Country. The Scheme is structured on the lines of the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and endeavours to provide cashless treatment to its beneficiaries. Only allopathic treatment is provided under ECHS.

Membership/ Eligibility

1. The Scheme entitles all Ex-servicemen drawing pension from Controller of Defence Accounts, including those in receipt of Disability / Family Pension and their dependents (as applicable under CGHS) to be eligible for membership of ECHS. ECHS membership has also been extended to the following :-

- Territorial Army (TA) pensioners.
- Defence Security Corps (DSC) pensioners.
- Uniformed Indian Coast Guard (ICG) pensioners.
- Military Nursing Service (MNS) pensioners.
- Special Frontier Force (SFF) pensioners.
- Nepal Domiciled Gorkha (NDG) pensioners.
- Whole time NCC Officers.
- Eligible APS pensioners.
- Assam Rifles pensioners.
- WW II Veterans, SSCOs, ECOs & Pre-Mature Retirees.

2. Membership of ECHS has been made compulsory for all pensioners with effect from 1st April 2003 and is optional for earlier retirees.

Contribution

1. The amount of contribution paid for becoming an ECHS member is the same as that of CGHS. Presently, it varies from Rs 30,000/- for Recruit to Rs 1,20,000/- for Officers. The Ex-servicemen who have retired prior to 1st January 1996, war widows and war disabled, including those disabled in internal security duties, are exempted from payment of ECHS contribution.

Rates of contribution presently are as follows:

Ser No	Ranks	One Time Contribution (in Rupees)	Ward Entitlement
(a)	Recruit to Havs & equivalent in Navy & AF	30,000/-	General
(b)	Nb Sub/Sub Maj or equivalent in Navy & AF (including Hony Nb Sub/MA) and Hony Lt/Capt	67,000/-	Semi Private
(c)	All Officers 1,20,000/- Private	1,20,000/-	Private

Part – II

STATE OF STAFF ECHS POLYCLINIC SHAHPUR

Officer in Charge

S No	Name	Appt	Contact No
1.	Lt Col PC Kaushal (Retd)	Officer in Charge	9459510408

Medical Staff

S No	Name	Appt	Contact No
1.	Dr Sushil Kumar	Medical Officer	9418355699
2.	Dr Manvi Thakur	Medical Officer	9871975037
3.	Dr.Ila	Medical Officer	9418469689
4.	Dr Milli Dev Sharma	Dental Officer	7018962624

Para Medical Staff

S No	Name	Appt	Contact No
1.	Neha Sharma	Physiotherapist	7018316905
2.	Ex Sub Maj Amar Nath	Laboratory Assistant	9874056687
3.	Gurvinder Singh	Laboratory Technician	9736191313
4.	Amit Kumar	Dental Technician	9896176120
5.	Mr Sushil Kumar	Pharmacist	9418955412
6.	Ex Hav Vijay Kumar	Nursing Assistant	8437453189
7.	Ex Hav Mohinder Singh	Nursing Assistant	9988693308

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Non - Medical Staff

S No	Name	Appt	Contact No
1.	Smt Shilpa Dhiman	Clerk	8988317850
2.	Smt Minakshi Kumari	Female Attendant	8219529214
3.	Ex Hav Rakshpal Singh	Driver	9478930519
4.	Mr Lakhan Chandel	Safiwala	7018597920
5.	Ex Hav Sanjeev Kumar	Chowkidar	7018043214
6.	Ex Hav Ravi Kant	Peon	8627051935

Part - III

FACILITIES IN ECHS POLYCLINIC SHAHPUR

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Physiotherapy is an integral part of healthcare focusing on pain relief, rehabilitation, and functional improvement using various therapeutic modalities.

Short Wave Diathermy (SWD)

- Provides deep heating to tissues
- Reduces pain and inflammation
- Relaxes muscles
- Promotes tissue healing

Wax Bath Therapy

- Reduces post-injury stiffness
- Improves joint mobility and flexibility
- Relieves pain in arthritis and fibromyalgia

Hot Packs / Hydrocollator

- Produces superficial tissue relaxation
- Improves blood circulation
- Reduces muscle spasm

Traction (Cervical & Lumbar)

- Reduces nerve root compression
- Improves spinal alignment
- Relieves pain in disc prolapse, sciatica, and arthritis



Interferential Therapy (IFT)

- Provides pain relief
- Reduces inflammation and swelling
- Promotes muscle relaxation

TENS

- Used in back pain
- Effective in OA, fibromyalgia, tendinitis, bursitis
- Helpful in chronic pain conditions

Laser Therapy

- Reduces inflammation
- Accelerates healing
- Improves circulation

Infrared Radiation (IRR)

- Improves local blood circulation
- Reduces muscle stiffness

Multieexercise Chair

- Used for rehabilitation
- Strengthens shoulder and quadriceps muscles
- Improves functional mobility

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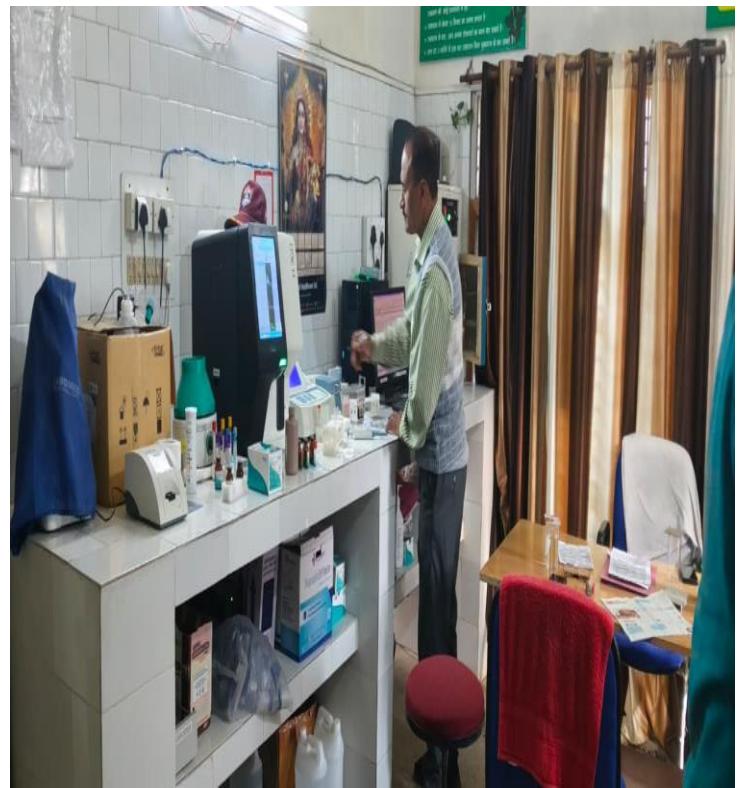
- Used in tendinitis
- Effective for soft tissue and fascial restrictions
- Helpful in sports injuries and scar tissue management

Conclusion : Proper use of physiotherapy modalities enhances recovery and functional independence.

LABORATORY

<u>EQUIPMENTS</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>LAB TEST FACILITY</u>
Haematology ERBA H360 Part Analyzer	Haematology	Hb, TLC, DLC, Platelets, Complete Haemogram
Biochemistry ERBA Chem-7 Analyzer	Biochemistry	Sugar, Urea, Creatinine, Uric Acid, Total Protein, Albumin (RFT/KFT), Total Bilirubin (Direct + Indirect), SGOT, SGPT, Alkaline Phosphatase (LFT), Total Cholesterol, Triglycerides, HDL Cholesterol (Lipid Profile), Calcium
Laura Smart ERBA Urine Analyzer	Urine Chemistry	Specific Gravity, pH, Sugar, Protein, Bile Salt, Bile Pigment, Nitrate, Ketone Bodies, Blood, Leukocytes
Oncall A1C Accon Analyzer	HbA1c	HbA1c Blood Test
On Slide Tests	-	RA Factor, CRP, Widal Test
Binocular Microscope	Microscopy	Hemat DLC, Parasites, Urine Deposits Microscopic Examination

The above mentioned routine tests are available and are being performed in the laboratory of ECHS Polyclinic Shahpur



DENTAL FACILITIES:

- Root canal treatment (anterior / posterior)
- Restoration of decayed teeth
- Extraction of grossly carious teeth
- Surgical extraction of wisdom teeth
- Scaling and oral prophylaxis of teeth
- Complete diagnostics including X-ray
- Complete and partial dentures fabrication
- Repair of broken prosthesis



Part - IV

PROCEDURE OF ONLINE APPLICATION FOR ECHS CARD

Preparation

1. Scan the following and save each document in separate file of JPEG, of 1 MB max, for uploading :-

- Pension Payment Order (PPO) of Primary Beneficiary, i.e., Ex Service MAN (ESM) if he is alive or his Wife, if ESM is not alive.
- Old ECHS Card (front side only) / Temporary Slip of Primary Beneficiary
- Photo of Primary Beneficiary (Passport size colour photo in white background)
- Signature in Blue Ink, of Primary Beneficiary
- Photos of Dependents (Passport size colour photo in white background)
- Signatures in Blue Ink or Thumb Impressions of Dependents
- Death Certificate of ESM, if he is not alive
- Disability certificate of ESM, if disability is battle disability.
- Disability certificate of dependent(s) if dependent(s) have disability

2. For first time application of pre 2003 retiree:-

- DPDO/ Bank certificate, certifying that FMA (Fixed Medical Allowance) has been stopped.
- MRO receipt for ECHS membership fee, for those retired from 1996 to 2002.

3. Keep the following ready, for information to be filled in the Application:-

- Aadhaar and PAN Cards of Primary Beneficiary & Aadhaar Cards of all dependents
- PAN cards of dependents if available
- Bank Pass Book of pension account & ESM Discharge Book
- Permanent and Temporary address of Pensioner
- Blood group of ESM and all dependents
- Debit or Credit Card and it's linked phone to get OTP and make payment of Application Fee online (Rs 177/- per card)
- Email Id, if available, for retrieving Password etc.

4. Registration

- Go to web site <https://echs.gov.in> and Click "OK"
- Select "ONLINE SMART CARD APPLICATION"
- Select "ONLINE APPLICATION" and Click "OK"
- Then, Register Application, keeping the following points in mind:-
 - If there is no Prefix, leave it blank &. If there is no suffix, Put' \$', in the space.
 - Enter Mobile Number, which should be active to receive OTP immediately and all the messages regarding the ECHS Card subsequently.
 - Create your password. Keep this Mobile Number and Pass Word with you, till your ECHS Card is received, so that you can see the progress and observations on the application, if any, during the processing of ECHS Card.
 - Enter Mother's Name & Place of Birth of Pensioner. Note down these with correct spelling, including Capital/ Small letters. These can be used to retrieve/ change password.

- Click “REGISTER”. Message will appear as “Registration done successfully”. Click OK.
- Login page will open. Login using Mobile No and Password given. OTP will be sent to Registered Mobile and mobile verification page will open. Enter OTP and click “Verify”.
- Message of “MOBILE NUMBER VERIFIED” will be displayed.

5. **Filling the Application Form Online**

- Go to web site <https://echs.gon.in>. Click “OK”
- Select “ ONLINE SMART CARD APPLICATION”
- Select “ ONLINE APPLICATION”
- Click “OK”
- Click “ALREADY REGISTERED. CLICK TO LOGIN”
- Select the Application Category by clicking “Drag down Icon, small arrow”
- Fill in the EX SERVICEMAN (ESM) DETAILS.
- Upload Photo & Signature of Primary Beneficiary
- Enter other details of Primary Beneficiary
- Upload Photos/ Signatures and other details each dependant.
- Upload PPO, Old ECHS Card of Primary Beneficiary
- Upload Death Certificate, if ESM is not alive
- Upload Temporary Slip and other documents, if applicable.
- Agree the SELF DECLARATION by clicking “ I AGREE”
- Save the details entered by clicking “SAVE DETAILS” Saved details can be modified or corrected if necessary by logging in once again and saving the corrected details.
- Make Payment by Clicking “MAKE PAYMENT” and giving other details asked.
- Take Print out of Application Form, Payment Receipt and Temporary Slip, by logging in, after Payment of Fee. Note down Phone Number, Password, Mother’s Name and Place of Birth at the end of Application printed, for future reference.
- Get the Signature of OIC ECHS on the Temp Slip, Which can be used as ECHS Card, till you receive the NEW ECHS CARD.
- Check for Observations if any from Record Office, by logging in frequently till the application is verified by Record Office concerned. Sort out the observations by suitable actions and change your details by Editing your application, if necessary. Save details once again after editing the application.
- Wait for SMS giving OTP for collection of NEW ECHS Cards, to be collected from Station Headquarters.