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**ENTITLEMENT TO MEDICAL ATTENDANCE FOR PARENTS, BROTHERS/SISTERS,
UMARRIED/DIVORCED DAUGHTER AND PWD 2016 BENEFICIARIES ABOVE THE AGE OF 25
YEARS (OTHER DEPENDENTS) AT SERVING HOSPITAL**

1. Refer to following:-

- (a) CO ECHS letter No. B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 22 Apr 2022.
- (b) Para 296(o) RMSAF-2010(Revised Edition).
- (c) COECHS letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS(i) dated 27 Dec 2022

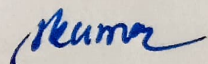
2. It is learnt from the environment that there are lots of confusion regarding admissibility of ESM dependents in AFMS hospital. According to O/o DGAFMS letter No. 16301/18/(C)/ECM DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 04 Jun 2019 the AFMS hospital recognizes only the veteran, his spouse and children below the age of 25 years as dependents. However, according to ECHS rules dependent status is also given to eligible parents, brother/sister, unmarried/divorced daughter and PWD 2016 beneficiaries above the age of 25 yrs.

3. It is clarified that as per CO ECHS letter No. B/49769/AG/ECJS dated 22 Apr 2022 parents and other dependents who are non entitled for treatment at AFMS hospital but entitled for ECHS benefits will be directly referred to ECHS Empanelled/Govt. Hosp for further treatment. Listed procedures/investigations/implant like Haemodialysis, Renal transplant, radiotherapy etc. doesn't require Spl/SEMO approval for treatment at empanelled hospital. They can directly get treated without Service Spl/SEMO approval at an empanelled hospital.

4. However, Service Spl recommendation is mandatory for purchase of domiciliary equipment. Hence, they are required to be referred to Service Hospital for their recommendation for domiciliary equipments.

5. It is also clarified that all OPD procedures, investigations, treatment, medicine dispensed and IPD treatment are chargeable by the Service Hospital as for a non entitled case. HSR will be raised for IPD treatment. All these bills will be reimbursed by ECHS as per letter mentioned in para 1(c).

6. For your info and strict compliance please.


(Sri Kant Kumar)
Lt Col
Jt Dir (Med)
For MD ECHS

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REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITAL STOPPAGE ROLL CHARGES

1. PI refer to
 - (a) Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003.
 - (b) Regulations for Medical Services of The Armed Forces -2010 (Revised Version).
 - (c) Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 22D(13)/2020-D(WE/Res-1) dated 14 Dec 2012.(Copy attached).

Existing Policy

2. As per Para 2 of the Govt of India, MoD/DESW letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003 all Ex-servicemen(ESM) and their dependent requiring hospital admission will in normal course be referred to Service Hospital in station. For this purpose, DGAfMS will earmark a suitable proportion of beds in all Service Hospitals for ECHS beneficiaries. In case of non-availability of beds /facilities in service hospitals patients will be referred to an empanelled hospital for admission.
3. As per provisions of RMSAF-2010(Revised), only the ECHS beneficiary, his/her spouse and children below the age of 25 years are entitled for treatment in service hospitals. All other dependents who are ECHS beneficiaries such as parents, brothers/sisters, disabled PWD 2016 beneficiaries above 25 years age are accorded medical attention as non-entitled cases in service hospitals. Hospital Stoppage Roll Charges and miscellaneous medical charges are required to be paid for treatment undertaken in AFMS Hospitals. Such charges paid for treatment in AFMS Hospitals are not reimbursable as per Para 4 of Govt of India, MoD /DESW letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003.
4. There are a number of cases where dependent ECHS beneficiaries such as parents, brothers/sisters, 2016 beneficiaries above 25 years age who are not entitled for treatment in Service Hospitals are treated in there. According to Para 297 (a) these non-entitled patients may be treated in AFMS hospitals with permission of Station Commander after consultation stoppages. However, as per Para 4 (f) of the Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003 Hospital Stoppage Rolls and any other charges paid for treatment in AFMS Hospitals will be paid in full by the ECHS member and are not reimbursable.

Amendments to Existing Policy

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5. In order to facilitate reimbursement of Hospital Stoppage Roll Charges paid by ECHS beneficiaries, an amendment has been issued to Para 4 of GOI, MoD /DESW letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003 vide GoI/MoD vide its letter No 22D(13)/2020-D(WE/Res-1) dt 14 Dec 2022 (Copy attached). The amendment reads as under :-

“Hospital Stoppage Rolls (HSR) and any other charges expended for treatment taken in Military/ Armed forces Hospital will be paid in full by the beneficiary and charges paid by the beneficiary will be reimbursed by ECHS.”

Procedure for reimbursement

6. After admission and treatment, the AFMS hospital will levy HSR and any other charges on the ECHS beneficiaries. The hospital will provide a copy of the bill of the HSR and other charges levied from the ECHS beneficiary along with a break up of the bill, the discharge slip and discharge summary.

7. The ECHS beneficiary will pay the HSR and any other charges in full to the AFMS Hospital and take a receipt of the bill having paid.

8. After discharge the beneficiary will either upload the bills of the HSR on the site of the Bill Processing Agency <https://www.echsbpa.utiitsl.com/ECHS/Beneficiary>, or submit the bills to his parent polyclinic for reimbursement.

9. The bills so submitted will be processed as Individual Reimbursement Bills as per procedure.

10. The Bill Processing Agency (BPA) will process the bill and reimburse the bill 100% as applicable to any Govt Hospital. A referral from ECHS Polyclinic will not be mandatory for treatment in Service Hospitals and reimbursement of HSR Charges paid by the ECHS Beneficiary.

11. The above policy will be applicable from the date of issue of the GOI, MoD/DESW letter No 22D(13)/2020-D(WE/Res-1) dt 14 Dec 2022.

(SK Gupta)
Col
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For MD ECHS

Encls : As above

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No. 22D (13)/2020-D(WE/Res-I)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
(Deptt. Of Ex-Servicemen Welfare)
Room No. 221, B-wing, Sena Bhavan, New Delhi,

Dated: 14 December, 2022

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

Subject :- Procedure for payment and reimbursement of Medical Expenses under
ECHS – reg.

Sir,

With reference to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence Letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President on the partial modification in Para 4 (f) of Annexure to the above referred letter dated 19 December 2003 regarding treatment at Military/Service Hospital, as under:

For.

Para 4 (f). Treatment at Military Hospital. Hospital Stoppage Rolls and any other charges expended for treatment in Military Hospitals will be paid in full by the member and is not reimbursable.

Read.

Para 4 (f). Treatment at Military/Armed Forces Hospital. Hospital Stoppage Rolls (HSR) and any other charges expended for treatment taken in Military / Armed Forces Hospital will be paid in full by the ECHS beneficiary and the charges paid by the ECHS beneficiary will be reimbursed by ECHS.

2. This amendment in the policy shall be effective from the date of issue of this letter.

3. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (Fin/Pen) vide their ID No. 32(08)/2021/FIN/PEN dated 20.07.2022.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. P P Sharma)
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CHANGE IN PROCEDURE OF REFERRAL OF NON ENTITLED BENEFICIARY

1. Please refer :-

(a) Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/US/(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003.

(b) GOI (MoD) letter No 22D(09)/2013/US(WE)/D (Res) dated 26 Jul 2016.

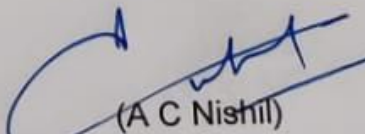
(c) O/o DGAFMS letter No 16301/18(C)/ESM DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 04 Jun 2019.

2. According to Para 2 of the Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/US/(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003, all Ex-Servicemen (ESM) and their dependents requiring hospital admission will in normal course be referred to AFMS hospitals in the station. For this purpose DGAFMS will earmark a suitable number of beds in all AFMS hospitals for ECHS beneficiaries. In case of non-availability of bed/ facilities in AFMS hospitals, patients will be referred to empanelled hospital for admission. The same letter vide para 4(f) states that "Hospital Stoppage Rolls(HSR) and any other charges expended for treatment in Military Hospital will be paid in full by the member and is not reimbursable.

3. According to O/o DGAFMS letter No 16301/18(C)/ESM DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 04 Jun 2019 the AFMS hospital recognizes only the veteran, his spouse and children below the age of 25 years as dependents. However, according to ECHS rules dependent status is also given to eligible parents, brothers /sister, PWD 2016 beneficiaries above the age of 25 yrs . This creates an anomalous situation when entitled ECHS beneficiaries are treated as non-entitled in AFMS hospital where HSR and other charges paid by them is not reimbursable as per extant orders.

4. In view of the above and contents of O/o DGAFMS letter No 16301/18(C)/ESM DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 04 Jun 2019, non entitled ECHS beneficiaries may be directly referred to empanelled hospital/ Govt hospital. ECHS beneficiaries entitled for treatment in AFMS hospitals will continue to be referred to the AFMS hospitals.

5. This has the approval of MD ECHS.


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For MD ECHS

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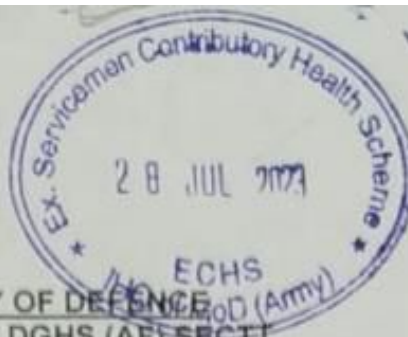
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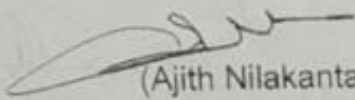


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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
O/o DGAFMS/ DGHS (AF) SECT I

**ADVISORY: REFERRAL OF ECHS BENEFICIARIES FROM AFMS
HOSPITALS TO EMPANELED HOSPITALS**

1. There is a general perception in the environment that ECHS beneficiaries are being refd from AFMS hospitals to empaneled hospitals in a perfunctory manner for investigations and treatment when facilities for the same are avl in the AFMS hospital.
2. Apropos, it is advised that where hospital capacity exists in terms of bed, treatment and investigation facilities, ECHS beneficiaries should be accorded treatment and investigation in AFMS hospitals to the extent feasible without resorting to referral to an empaneled facility.
3. The fwg issues in the aforesaid context are further clarified as under: -
 - (a) An ESM, his/ her spouse and dependent children upto the age of 25 yrs are entitled for treatment in AFMS hospitals in accordance with para 296 (o) of RMSAF 2010 (Rev Ver)
 - (b) Other categories of ECHS beneficiaries (Dependent parents, brothers, sisters etc) can be admitted as Non-Entitled cases subject to bed availability and availability of specific investigation and treatment facility at the AFMS hospital. This category of beneficiaries shall be charged HSR as per provisions of RMSAF 2010, while treatment and investigation charges will be charged as per ECHS approved rates.
4. When any ECHS beneficiary is referred to an empaneled hospital, justification for the same will be endorsed in the case notes and a record of the same will be maintained by the concerned AFMS hospital. The records shall be perused by the Comdt/CO hospital on a regular basis to ensure that such referrals are complied with in letter and spirit of this advisory.
5. Request that the advisory be disseminated to all AFMS hospitals for compliance and a confirmation to the effect be forwarded to this Office.
6. This has the approval of DGAFMS.


(Ajith Nilakantan)
Lt Gen
DGHS (AF)

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