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MANAGEMENT OF CASES OF INFERTILITY UNDER ECHS

1. Refer to following:-

- (a) CO ECHS letter No B/49770/AG/IVF dated 20 Feb 2006.
- (b) GoI, MoH&FW letter No Z.15025/5/2011-CGHS III/CGHS(P) dated 22 Nov 2011.
- (c) CO ECHS letter No B/49770/AG/IVF dated 29 Sep 2014.

2. Infertility treatment will, in normal course, be limited to available facilities in service hospitals only. However, cases requiring "In Vitro Fertilization and Embryo Transfer" (IVF & ET) may be referred to AFMS Hospital, Govt Hospital, Empanelled Hospital or in Pvt Medical Institution registered with State/Central Govt subject to conditions laid down.

Treatment Of Infertility

3. Management of all cases of 'Infertility' will be investigated and treated in Service Hospitals only. In case such facility is not available locally, the patient may be referred to nearest service hospital where such facility is available. Patient may also be referred to the service hospital of patient's choice subject to confirmation of availability of facility/bed/specialist.

4. Prior recommendations will be obtained from the service hospital proposed for referral, through the SEMO of ECHS Polyclinic referring the case. ECHS member has to make his/her own arrangements for travel to the service hospital where treatment is proposed to be undertaken. No Travelling Allowance will be payable by ECHS.

In Vitro Fertilisation And Embryo Transfer

5. The procedure of "In Vitro Fertilization and Embryo Transfer" can be carried out in any AFMS Hospital, Govt Hospital, Empanelled Hospital or in Pvt Medical Institution registered with State/Central Govt (a copy of registration certificate from state/centre showing registration of the hosp for In Vitro Fertilisation and / or Embryo Transfer to be attached being valid as on the date of prescription). The procedure at Pvt Medical Institution will be permitted for ECHS beneficiaries on a case to case basis, based on sanction by a Board of Officers under Chairmanship of MD ECHS. Recommendations of Senior Advisor/Classified Spl Obstetrics and Gynaecology of any AFMS Hospital/HOD Obstetrics and Gynaecology of a Govt Hospital will be examined by the Board of Officers for permitting the said treatment procedure.

6. The following criteria will be ensured for each case:-

- (a) The women has to be married and living with her husband.
- (b) Should be case of Primary Infertility with minimum of three years duration of staying together with husband or a case of secondary infertility with no living issue.
- (c) The age of woman should be between 21 to 39 years. The Specialist/Sr Advisor recommending the procedure would specifically screen cases where age of wife is above 35 years before recommending the case for IVF & ET.
- (d) There should be clear indication of failure of conventional treatment (Male Factor / Female Factor) before permitting IVF & ET treatment procedure.
- (e) Reimbursement of expenditure incurred on IVF & ET procedure will be allowed upto a maximum of 3 (three) fresh cycles.
- (f) An amount not exceeding Rs.65,000/- (Rupees fifty five thousand only) per cycle or the actual cost, whichever is lower will be allowed for reimbursement. This amount will be inclusive of the cost of drugs and disposables and monitoring cost during IVF & ET procedures.
- (g) As IVF & ET treatment is a planned procedure, reimbursement cases can be considered by ECHS only if prior approval was obtained by the beneficiary for undergoing the IVF & ET treatment.
- (h) An undertaking from the applicant will be taken that he / she has not claimed the reimbursement for IVF and ET earlier from the Government of India in the past and will not claim it in future.

7. The application will be forwarded to CO ECHS for sanction. The documents will be forwarded to HOD Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AHR&R for his/her opinion and approval. The final sanction for the procedures will be given by MD, ECHS.

- (a) Chairman - MD ECHS
- (b) Member 01 - Sr Advisor (Obs & Gynae)
- (c) Member 02 - Specialist (ART)
- (d) Member Secretary - Dir Med ECHS

8. Med reports required for approval are as listed below:-

- (a) Male Partner:- Semen Analysis report, Semen Culture report.

- (b) Female Partner - ESR, Mx Test, Hormone Assay (FSH(D2/D3), LH (D2/D3), Prolactin, T3, T4, TSH, AMH, Hysterosalpingography, Ultrasound pelvis.
9. The IVF & ET procedure should be carried out only at the centers having necessary facilities, including eqpt and trained manpower, for carrying out the above procedure.
10. The CO ECHS letter No B/49770/AG/IVF dated 20 Feb 2006 is hereby superseded.



(Sri Kant Kumar)
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Jt Dir (Med)
for MD ECHS

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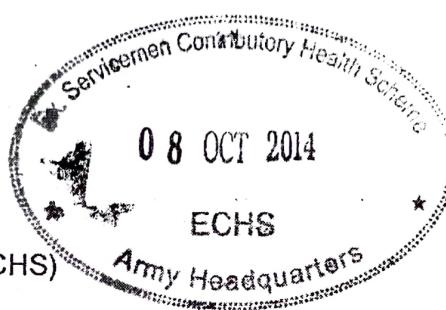
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MANAGEMENT OF CASES OF INFERTILITY UNDER ECHS

1. Ref Central Org ECHS letter No B/49770/AG/ECHS/IVF dt 20 Feb 06 on the above mentioned subject (attached as annexure-I). As per Para 8 of this letter a maximum of three trials will be permitted for each case. A maximum of Rs. 20,000/- will be permitted per trial or the actual cost which ever is less. This will be inclusive of the cost of drugs used for the procedure.
2. CGHS has increased these rates from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 65,000/- per trial vide their OM No Z 15025/5/2011-CGHS111/CGHS(P) dt 22 Nov 11 (attached as annexure-II).
3. Keeping the above facts in view the rates/per trial for IVF will also be Rs.65,000/- for ECHS beneficiaries instead of Rs. 20,000/- with rest conditions same as mentioned in the policy letter under reference.
4. The new rates will be effective from the date of this letter.

(Mohan Singh)
Col
Offg Dir (Med)
for MD

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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
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No: Z.15025/5/2011-CGHS III/CGHS (P)

Dated, the 22nd November, 2011

O F F I C E M E M O R A N D U M

Subject: **Guidelines / Criteria for reimbursement of expenses for In-Vitro Fertilisation(IVF) treatment to CGHS beneficiaries and beneficiaries under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944.**

The undersigned is directed to say that the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been receiving requests for providing clarifications as to whether the expenditure incurred on In-Vitro Fertilisation ((IVF) treatment is admissible under CGHS, and if so, whether any guidelines have been laid down for reimbursement of the expenses incurred on IVF treatment.

(2) The matter has been examined by a Technical Committee of the Heads of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of Government Medical institutions, and based on the recommendations of the Committee, the following guidelines are laid down for considering cases for reimbursement of expenses incurred on IVF treatment by CGHS beneficiaries and beneficiaries under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944:-

- (i) Requests for IVF treatment will be considered only on the basis of advice tendered by the Head of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of a Government Medical institution;
- (ii) Permission for IVF treatment to be undertaken may be given by the Head of Department in the Ministries / Departments on the recommendations of the Head of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of a Government Medical institution;
- (iii) IVF procedure will be allowed in a Government Medical institution on the recommendations of the Head of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of a Government Medical institution;
- (iv) IVF procedure may be allowed, on a case to case basis, in a private medical institution if the Institution is registered with the State / Central Government and has the necessary facilities including equipment and trained manpower for carrying out the procedure. It is, however, mandatory to obtain the recommendations of the Head of Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics of a Government Medical institution for permitting the procedure to be undertaken in a private institution;
- (v) There should be clear evidence of failure of conventional treatment before permitting IVF treatment procedure;

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- (vi) The age of women undergoing IVF treatment procedure should be between 21 and 39 years;
- (vii) The woman has to be married and living with her husband;
- (viii) The IVF treatment procedure will be allowed only in cases of infertility where the couple has no living issue;
- (ix) Reimbursement of expenditure incurred on IVF procedure will be allowed upto a maximum of 3 (three) fresh cycles;
- (x) An amount not exceeding Rs.65,000/- (Rupees sixty five thousand only) per cycle or the actual cost, whichever is lower, will be allowed for reimbursement. This amount will be inclusive of the cost of drugs and disposables and monitoring cost during IVF procedures;
- (xi) As IVF treatment is a planned procedure, reimbursement cases can be considered by the Ministries / Departments only if prior approval was obtained by the beneficiary for undergoing the IVF treatment.
- (xii) There will be a onetime permission for availing IVF treatment consisting of three cycles in total, which would be admissible to the beneficiary. The concerned Ministry / Department shall obtain an undertaking from the applicant that he / she has not claimed the reimbursement earlier from the Government of India in the past and will not claim it in the future.

3.. These guidelines come into force from the date of issue of the Office Memorandum and reimbursement cases of IVF treatment undertaken after the issue of the Office Memorandum only can be considered by the Ministries / Departments.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, vide Dy. No.C.1747/IFD (Health)/2011 dated the 21st November, October, 2011.



[V.P. Singh]

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
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To

- 1 All Ministries / Departments, Government of India
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- 3 All Additional Directors /Joint Directors of CGHS cities outside Delhi
- 4 All Pay & Accounts Officers under CGHS
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MANAGEMENT OF CASES OF INFERTILITY UNDER ECHS

1. The scope and extent of treatment to be provided to cases of 'Infertility' amongst ECHS beneficiaries has been under consideration for some time. It has been decided that such treatment will, in normal course, be limited to available facilities in Service Hospitals only. However, cases requiring IN VITRO Fertilisation and Embryo Transfer may be referred to Empanelled Hospitals subject to conditions laid down. The policy on treatment of cases of 'Infertility' through ECHS is laid down in the succeeding paragraphs. The policy has the approval of DGAFMS.

Treatment Of Infertility

2. Management of all cases of 'Infertility' will be investigated and treated in Service Hospitals only. In case such facility is not available locally, the patient may be referred to nearest Service Hospital where such facility is available. Patients may also be referred to the Service Hospital of patient's choice subject to confirmation of availability of facility/bed/specialist.

3. Prior appointment will be obtained from the Service Hospital proposed for referral, through the SEMO of ECHS Polyclinic referring the case. ECHS member has to make his/her own arrangements for travel to the Service Hospital where treatment is proposed to be undertaken. No Travelling Allowance will be payable by ECHS.

In Vitro Fertilisation And Embryo Transfer

4. The procedure of "In Vitro Fertilization and Embryo Transfer" (IVF & ET) in ECHS Empanelled hospitals will be permitted for ECHS beneficiaries on a case to case basis, only after complete examination and investigations of the couple by a Service Gynecologist and recommendations by a Senior Advisor in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The following criteria will be ensured for each case :-

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(a) Should be case of Primary Infertility with minimum of three years duration of staying together with husband or a case of secondary infertility with no living issue.

(b) The age of woman undergoing IVF procedure should preferably be between 25 – 35 years. The Specialist/Sr Advisor recommending the procedure would specifically screen cases where age of wife is above 35 years before recommending the case for IVF & ET.

(c) Evidence of Ovulation, by means of :

(i) Ultra sound

(ii) Endometrial Biopsy

6. The recommendation of the Senior Advisor will be referred to the nearest Command Hospital, INHS Aswini or CH (AF) Bangalore as applicable for approval, where it will be screened by an Advisory Committee composed as under :-

(a) Chairman - Commandant/Offg Commandant
CH/INHS

(b) Member - Sr Advisor (Obs & Gynae)

(c) Member - Senior Adviser Med/Radiology.

7. The final sanction for IVF &ET in private empanelled hospital/clinic will be given by the Chairman Advisory Committee and fwd to the originating Service Hospital.

8. A maximum of three trials will be permitted for each case. A maximum of Rs 20,000/- will be permitted per trial, or the actual cost whichever is less. This will be inclusive of the cost of the Drugs used for the procedure.

9. The IVF procedure should be carried out only at the Centers having necessary facilities, including eqpt and trained manpower, for carrying out the above procedure and empanelled specifically for the purpose by ECHS.

10. On receipt of sanction, the ECHS beneficiary will be referred to the Empanelled Hospital for a single trial at a time. Bills will be submitted by the empanelled facility for a max amount of Rs 20,000/- per trial all inclusive. Addl expenditure, if required, will be borne by the ECHS member and is not reimbursable.

Conclusion

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11. Treatment of Infertility amongst ECHS patients, will in the normal course, be made available at Service Hospitals only. IVF & ET procedures may be considered a part of treatment for sterility for ECHS beneficiaries only on a case to case basis as per eligibility and other conditions in above guidelines.

(G Ghose)
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For MD

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