

**Government of India
Ministry of Railways
Railway Board**

No.2018/H-1/2/9/Licensed Porter

New Delhi, dated 9.03.2019

**General Managers,
All Indian Railways/PUs,
DG/RDSO, Lucknow & CAO (R), Patiala.**

Sub:-Medical facilities to Licensed Sahayak (earlier designated as Licensed Porters).

Ref:- (1) Para 618 of IRMM-2000.

- (2) Board's letters no. 69/TGII/1010/29/SG/R-42&43 dated 26.08.1969, & 03.03.1976.**
- (3) Board's letter no. TC-II/1010/24 dated 21.10.1971.**
- (4) Board's letter no. 66/H(FP/6)74 Part-II dated 28.05.1973.**
- (5) Board's letter no. 73/H/6-1/24 dated 01.10.1973.**
- (6) Board's letter no. 95/H/6-1/17 dated 21.06.1995.**

Provisions for providing medical facilities to certain extent to Licensed Sahayak (earlier designated as Licensed Porters) have been made from time to time. However, the issue of providing comprehensive medical facilities to them and their family members at par with Railway servants and their families as defined in Pass Rule, has been engaging attention of Ministry of Railways for some time.

The matter has been examined in consultation with Finance Dte. in the Ministry of Railways.

Now, in supersession of all previous instructions issued from time to time, **it has been decided with the approval of the President** that :-

- (a) Medical facilities to Licensed Sahayaks and their family members shall be extended at par with Railway employees and family members as defined in Railway Medical Rules at the Railway Hospitals/Railway Health Units where Licensed Sahayak is presently working including for referral to other Railway Health Units/ Railway Hospitals but not to private hospitals empanelled with Railways. However, those Licensed Sahayaks who are registered with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna will get medical facilities in Railway Hospitals/ Railway Health Units and Railways will raise debit to Ayushman Department (National Health Agency). Those Licensed Sahayaks who are not registered with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna will continue to get Health benefits as mentioned above.**
- (b) Detailed modalities and guidelines alongwith Advance correction slip to Para 601 & 618 of IRMM-2000 will follow.**

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.


(Dr. K. Sridhar)
Executive Director Health (G)
Railway Board

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For Secretary, Railway Board

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S.N.1 (Receipt)

PUC is a note received from DTC/G regarding MR Dashboard item for issuing Medical Cards on the Licensed Porters on the lines of Railway staff with all facilities including outdoor and indoor patient treatment excluding system of referral to private hospitals.

In the note it has brought out that there are nearly 20,000 Licensed Porters (Sahayaks) engaged on Indian Railways and after adding the numbers of their family member total numbers comes 1,00,000 that are to be issued Medical Cards to provide Railway medical facilities.

It has been requested to examine the issue and ascertain the financial and other implications involved in the proposal.

The subject matter with present position and Health Directorate's remarks thereon is placed below on the file for approval please.

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14.02.19
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14.02.2019

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14/02/19

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EDH (G)

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It will be more appropriate to know the distribution of these nearly 20,000 Licensed Porters on Indian Railway, to comprehend the load distribution into our present infrastructure. Commercial etc is requested to please provide the distribution of their 20,000 Licensed ports on Indian Railway

Mr. S. S. S.

EDH/G *R. Sordhas*
15/2/19.

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DTC/G *Sh*
18/2/19

DTC/G *Sh*
19-2-19

SO/H&FW *Sh*
19/2/19

Railway Medical facilities to Licensed Porters and their family members

Matter under consideration	Present Position	Health Directorate's remarks
<p>To examine the issue and ascertain the financial and other implications involved in issuing Medical Cards to 1,00,000 Licensed Porters & their family members on the lines of Railway staff with all facilities including outdoor and indoor patient treatment excluding system of referral to private hospitals (S.N.1).</p>	<p>There is following provision in para 618 of IRMM-2000 regarding medical facilities for Licensed Porters (S.N.2):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensed porters are eligible for free outdoor medical treatment for self, wife and dependent children only at Railway hospitals and health units. However, charges are levied for all laboratory, X-ray examination and other investigations. 2. Free medical attendance and treatment facilities as indoor patient (excluding diet) will be available in Railway hospitals only when the licensed porters sustain grievous injuries while carrying passengers' luggage. This will be certified by the Station Master/Station Superintendent concerned that the party was hurt while working as a licensed porter in the Railway premises and as also about his identity. A free Railway Pass may be issued to cover his journey to the line doctor/hospital/health unit where necessary. 	<p>Indian Railways has a Health infrastructure i.e. 125 Railway hospitals and 586 Health Units to cater the medical needs of about 65 lakh Railway beneficiaries. By entering into a MoU with National Health Agency, Railway hospitals have also been opened for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri-Jan Arogya Yojna (AB PM – JAY) which will also result into extra burden on the existing Railway health infrastructure.</p> <p>The financial impact to provide Railway medical facilities to 1,00,000 Licensed Porters and their family members after taking into account Per Capita Charges i.e. Rs. 12,924/- p.a. (calculated for the financial year 2017-18) (S.N.3) will be Rs. 1,29,24,00,000/- (1,00,000 x 12,924).</p>

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Sub: Issue of Medical Card to Sahayaks (Licensed Porters)

Ref: MR Dashboard item.

As per one of the item of Hon'ble MR the Licensed Porters may be issued with Medical Cards on the lines of Railway staff with all facilities including outdoor and indoor patient treatment excluding system of referral to private hospitals. There are nearly 20,000 Sahayaks engaged on Indian Railways. It is also proposed to cover the families of Sahayaks in the medical card, thus the approximately one lakh persons may be covered.

ED/Health (G) is requested to examine the issue and ascertain the financial and other implications involved in the proposal.

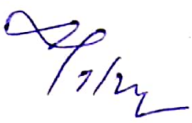

DTC/G 7/12/19

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EDPM It will involve indoor treatment facility to about 1 lakh additional persons (family members of coolies). May kindly

ED/Health (G)

examine & ascertain implication on present medical infrastructure/ financial.


7/12/19

ED/Health (G)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 95/H/6-1/17

New Delhi. dated 21.6.95

The General Managers
All Indian Railways including
Production Units.

Sub: Outdoor medical treatment and attendance
facilities to wives and dependent children
of Licenced Porters.

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As per extant instructions laid down in para 618(1) of IRMM-01 Edition, licenced porters are eligible for free outdoor medical treatment for self only at Railway Hospitals & Health Units. However, charges are leviable for routine laboratory and simple X-Ray examination.


2. Ministry of Railways, after careful examination of the matter, have decided that medical facilities as available to the licenced porters in terms of above mentioned para of IRMM will henceforth be made available to their wives and dependent children as well subject to the following conditions:-

- bearing his
Photograph
duly
attested
- A) Every bonafide licensed porter should be issued a Medical Identity Card by the competent authority engaging them. This card should mention the names of his wife and dependent children who are the bonafide beneficiaries. The same should preferably be affixed with the photographs (duly attested) of the entitled persons and the card should have clear indication of "Valid for OPD treatment only".
 - B) Every licensed porter on the termination of his services or on transfer of his License, must surrender his medical card to the competent authority before he is relieved. Utmost care is required to be taken to avoid fraudulent use of the card by any unauthorised person.
 - C) Any licensed porter, if found, to be indulging in the fraudulent use of this medical card, must be given deterrent punishment/cancellation of his license.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways and approval of Advisor (Commercial)

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

5. Hindi version will follow.


15.6.95

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Executive Director/Health
Railway Board.