

No 22D (09)/2013/US(WE)/D(Res)  
 Government of India  
 Deptt of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
 Ministry of Defence  
 New Delhi  
 Dated 21<sup>st</sup> Augst 2013

To,

The Chief of the Army Staff  
 The Chief of Naval Staff  
 The Chief of the Air Staff

**Subject:- Medical facilities for in-patient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment to ECHS beneficiaries residing in districts not covered by ECHS**

Sir,

1. The undersigned is directed to invite attention to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(48)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19 December, 2003 and to state that keeping in view, the difficulties being faced by the ECHS beneficiaries residing in districts not covered by ECHS it has now been decided to liberalise the ECHS Rules as follows to enable them to avail medical facilities for in-patient treatment and post-operative follow-up treatment :-

- (a)
  - (i) ECHS beneficiaries who are holding a valid ECHS Card and are residing in districts not covered by ECHS shall be eligible to obtain treatment from Govt (Central/State/Local Self Government) hospitals and submit the medical reimbursement claim to the ECHS Polyclinic (i.e. they can avail the treatment without obtaining referral from Polyclinic located outside their district).
  - (ii) Re-imbursement shall be limited to the CGHS rates applicable to the nearest ECHS Polyclinic and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actual whichever is lower.
- (b)
  - (i) ECHS beneficiaries who are holding a valid ECHS card and are residing in districts not covered by ECHS shall be eligible to obtain post-operative follow-up treatment from Govt (Central/State/Local Self Government) hospitals in follow up cases of Renal Transplant Surgery, Knee and Hip Joint Replacement, Cancer Treatment, Neuro Surgery and Cardiac Surgery. However, prior permission (referral) is to be obtained from the OIC of nearest ECHS Polyclinic
  - (ii) Permission shall be issued for 3 to 6 months at a time and may be extended based on medical requirement. Re-imbursement for consultation, procedures and investigations shall be limited to CGHS rates applicable to the nearest ECHS polyclinic and as per the ceiling rates and ward entitlements or as per actual, whichever may be lower. OPD medicines shall be obtained from the concerned ECHS Polyclinic for a maximum period of 03 months at a time.

2. These order will come into effect from date of issue.
3. This issues with the concurrence of MoD (finance) vide U.O. No 1574/13/Fin/Pen dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-x-x-x-x  
(HK Mallick)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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