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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-11

Dated the 7th August, 2020.

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

Subject: REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICINE: SPECIAL SANCTION IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19.

1.	Further to CO, ECHS letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS dated 23 March 2020 even No. dated 24 April 2020 and even No. dated 01 June 2020.

2.	A onetime sanction for purchase of medicines and claim reimbursement was issued till 31 July 2020. In view of increasing cases of COVID-19 and further extension of lockdown beyond 31 July 2020 in containment zones, to promote social distancing and avoiding unnecessary exposure to ECHS beneficiaries as well as minimizing footfall at ECHS Polyclinics, the ECHS beneficiaries having life style/chronic ailments/diseases on long treatment may purchase medicines lasting till 30 Sep 2020 based on the prescription held (prescribed by doctor of Polyclinic/Service hospital/Empanelled hospital) irrespective of NA or otherwise. It is also clarified that the ECHS Polyclinics are functional and ECHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through ECHS Polyclinics as per normal practice, instead of purchasing from market, after taking prior appointment from respective OIC Polyclinic.

3.	One time sanction is hereby accorded to reimburse the above expenditure under individual reimbursement of medical claims. The reimbursement will be done as per guidelines issued by CO, ECHS vide letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy dated 18 May 2020.

4.	This will be applicable beyond 31.7.2020 till 30 Sep 2020.

5.	This issue with the concurrence of MoD (Finance/Pension) vide Dy. No. 32(09)/2020/Fin/Pen dated 05.08.2020.

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