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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE)  
SENA BHAVAN, NEW DELHI

Dated 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

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

**Subject : To permit ECHS Beneficiaries to avail medical facilities under alternative system of medicines AYUSH.**

Sir,

With reference to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No 24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) dated 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2003 as amended from time to time, I am directed to convey sanction of the government for permitting ECHS beneficiaries to avail medical facility under AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) system of medicines through Government AYUSH hospital, Colleges, National Institute of AYUSH, all Government dispensaries, District hospitals, Sub district hospitals, PHC/CHC/ Municipality hospitals that are funded by Central/State Government/Local Government and are having facility for consultation/ treatment/ procedures/ investigations/medicines of AYUSH system of medicines. Prior permission from either of parent Polyclinic/ Regional Centre or ECHS Central Organisation (Director Medical) as per the own choice of ECHS beneficiary has to be taken mandatorily before taking treatment in Government AYUSH facility to become eligible for claiming reimbursement subject to the condition that the reimbursement will be as per actual cost incurred and that they have to initially pay for their treatment and claim reimbursement for consultation/ treatment/ procedures/ investigations/ medicines etc.

2. The permission would generally be granted except in the following condition.

(i) If beneficiary is already undergoing treatment under Allopathic system, he/she will not be granted permission to take treatment concurrently under AYUSH System. But beneficiary may shift to another system of medicine after stopping treatment in one system for which permission would be granted. The choice of selecting one system of medicine to avail treatment as per their choice is entirely of the beneficiary. Permission to obtain treatment under two or more systems of medicines concurrently would not be granted.

(ii) Patients seeking permission for treatment in facilities other than those Government AYUSH hospitals/ facilities as specified in the DGL will not be granted.

(iii) Permission for treatment for non therapeutic purpose / procedure will be refused.



3. The beneficiaries will submit the Medical Reimbursement Claims in the prescribed format with all relevant supporting vouchers/ documents in original to parent ECHS Polyclinic. The parent Polyclinic after verifying the prior permission letter for obtaining treatment and ensuring that all relevant documents are enclosed will issue a dated acknowledgement to the claimant. The ECHS Polyclinic would upload the claim online to Bill Processing Agency (BPA) UTI-ITSL subsequently. The claim will be further processed for clearance and reimbursement by (BPA)-UTI-ITSL after proper scrutiny and finally for approval of CFA.

4. If beneficiary chooses to get treatment in hospital/ Government facility of AYUSH in a city away from his place of residence permission/ approval may be given but TA/DA would have to be borne by the beneficiary.

5. Processing of bills

(a) Bills would be processed as per CGHS rates.

(b) Prior permission/ approval from parent ECHS Polyclinics/ Regional Centres/ Central Organisation ECHS (Medical Branch) is mandatory to obtain treatment from any Central/ State Government bodies to be eligible to claim reimbursement of expenditure incurred for consultation / treatment / procedures / investigation / medicines under AYUSH System of medicines.

(c) Claims are to be preferred within 3 months period from the date of obtaining treatment or discharge from hospitals, whichever is later.

(d) Cost of all medicines are reimbursable in full, except preparations classified as food tonics, vitamins, disinfectants, toiletries etc. Medicines prescribed in OPD of Government AYUSH facilities would be reimbursable.

(e) The actual cost of medicines would be reimbursed as per MRP after proper scrutiny and verifications of the prescriptions and bills by UTI-ITSL (BPA).

(f) Cost of treatment taken at private hospitals/facilities of AYUSH would not be reimbursed.

(g) After claim is scrutinized and processed by (BPA) UTI-ITSL payment would be made directly to the individual claimant after CFA approval.

(h) UTI-ITSL would thoroughly scrutinize the claim documents.

(i) UTI-ITSL shall seek clarification if any within a maximum of 7 days of receipt of the bills.





6. Submission of bills by claimants.

It is further clarified that bills shall be submitted to parent ECHS Polyclinic with all the supporting vouchers and relevant documents as listed below :-

- A copy of ECHS card.
- Individual bills with summary
- Discharge summary if admitted in Government hospital.
- Prior Permission/ letter
- E-mail address/telephone/Mobile No.
- Bank account details where payment to be received.

7. Permission for Treatment

Apart from the PHC/CHC, Government dispensaries/District hospital/Sub district hospital/Municipality hospital under Central/ State / Local Government permission to avail treatment may be given for all the Government AYUSH hospital and colleges and National Institutes of AYUSH (as per list annexed – Annexure A).

8. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance/Pension) vide their ID. No 32(10)/2018/Fin/Pen dated 04.06.2018.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully

  
(A. K. Karn)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

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