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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of CGHS

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 11
Dated the 1st May, 2018

No: Z.15025/33/2018/DIR/CGHS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Clarification regarding issue of Medicines prescribed by Specialists beyond the period for which the medicines had been advised

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry is in receipt of representations from CGHS beneficiaries, particularly from Senior Citizens regarding refusal of CGHS for issue of medicines prescribed by Specialists, immediately on expiry of the period for which the prescription has been issued. The matter has been reviewed by the competent authority in view of the difficulties faced by the CGHS beneficiaries and it is now decided that Medical Officers of CGHS can issue the same medicines to CGHS beneficiaries prescribed by the Specialists even after the expiry of the validity of the prescription in Chronic diseases, where the clinical condition is stable and CGHS shall not insist on immediate revalidation by Specialists.

However, in cases of Chemotherapy and immunosuppressant treatment regular follow up from Specialists would be advisable.

These guidelines are in supersession of the guidelines issued earlier on the subject.

(Dr D.C. Joshi)
Director, CGHS

To

1. All Ministries/Departments, Government of India through CGHS Website
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Do You Know?

Pension:

1 The maximum limit for commutation has been raised to 40% w.e.f. 1.1.1996. A Government servant is now entitled to commute for a lump sum payment up to 40% of his/her pension.

2 Provisional pension and provisional gratuity (up to 100%) should be sanctioned by the Head of Office if he were of the opinion that the Government servant is likely to retire before his pension or gratuity or both can be finally assessed and settled in accordance with the relevant rules.

3 In the case of a missing Government servant/pensioner, family pension can be paid after a period of six months from the date of lodging an FIR with the police authorities.

4 A judicially separated spouse of the deceased Government servant with children can get family pension after the children cease to be eligible till his/her death/remarriage, whichever is earlier.

5 Dependent parents and widowed/divorced daughter/unmarried daughter are now included in the definition of family for the purpose of consideration for grant of family pension.

6 Family pension is also admissible to a posthumous child and also to children from the void or the voidable marriage as per the relevant provisions in the rules.

7 Normal family pension is now at a uniform rate of 30% of pay last drawn, subject to a minimum of Rs. 9000 (w.e.f. 1.1.2016).

8 Family pension is admissible to children from the void or voidable marriage in their own turn, after the legally wedded wife ceases to be the recipient of the family pension.

9 In the event of death of a family pensioner, the arrears of family pension is automatically payable to the eligible member of the family next in line. Succession certificate for payment of the arrears is required only in such cases where there is no family member eligible to receive family pension after the death of the family pensioner subject to the provision contained in DOP&PW's O.M. No. 1/22/2012-P&PW(E) dated 10.07.2013.

10 With effect from 1.1.2006, in case of a Government Servant retiring in accordance with the provisions of CCS (Pension) Rules after completing qualifying service of not less than ten years, the amount of pension is calculated at fifty percent of emoluments or average emoluments whichever is more beneficial to him.

Gratuity:

11 The maximum limit of all types of gratuity has been raised to Rs. 20 lakhs w.e.f. 1.1.2016

12 Dearness Allowance admissible on the date of retirement/death is included in the emoluments for the purpose of computing all types of gratuity.

13 Interest (at the rate applicable to GPF deposits determined from time to time by the Government of India) is payable on delayed payment of DCRG, if it is delayed beyond three months from the date of retirement.

Qualifying Service:

14 Qualifying service of 3 months and above may be rounded-off into a completed six-monthly period for the purpose of computation of both pension and DCRG. The period of nine months would thus be considered as two half years.

15 Dismissal or removal of a Government servant from a service or post entails forfeiture of his/her past service

Miscellaneous:

16 PPO should be issued at least one month in advance of his date of superannuation and handed over to him/her on the date of his/her superannuation. The pensioner also has option to collect the PPO from pension paying bank branch.

17 No specific orders are necessary for retirement on due date.

18 Fixed Medical Allowance has been increased from Rs.500 to Rs.1000 per month w.e.f. 01.07.2017.

19 Encashment of leave is a benefit granted under CCS (Leave) Rules and thus not a pensionary benefit. As per the current provision, no interest is payable on the delayed payment of leave encashment.

20 Payments under Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme (CGEGIS) are not terminal benefit and cannot be withheld. No Government dues can be recovered from the accumulation except the amount claimed by the financial institution as dues from the employee on account of loans taken for house building purpose. No interest is payable on account of the delayed payments under this scheme.

21 Dues to Municipality (water and electricity charges etc.) and Co-operative Societies are not treated as Government dues, since Municipal Committees and Co-operative Societies are not considered as Government bodies/organizations. No recovery of such dues can be made from the DCRG.

22 Only arrears of license fee can be recovered from dearness relief.

23 Constant Attendant Allowance has been increased from Rs.4500 to Rs.6750 per month w.e.f. 01.07.2017.

[Accessed on 28.02.2018 from <http://pensionersportal.gov.in/douknow.asp>]

CHANGE OF NAME OF A PASSENGER ON CONFIRMED RESERVATION TICKET

How to Change Passenger name in IRCTC Reserved Ticket?

A change of name in reservation is permitted only by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager of concerned division. Where there is no post of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, the change of name in reservation is permitted by Divisional Commercial Manager of concerned division on written requisition tendered by party along with documents as required under the rules 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure of train in following circumstances.

(i) Government servant proceeding on duty on production of a letter from the appropriate authority.

(ii) Between family members due to unavoidable circumstances, viz. father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, husband and wife. No cancellation and reservation charges are recovered in this case. The station Manager will be competent to permit alteration of reservation under the condition mentioned above.

(iii) However, in case of group travelling together, party's written request should be tendered in writing 48 hours before scheduled departure of train and change of name is not permitted in excess of 10% of total strength of the group/party.

[Accessed on 30.03.2018 from <http://www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in/uploads/files/1408681059828-CHANGE%20OF%20NAME%20OF%20A%20PASSENGER%20ON%20CONFIR>]

Change in the Name of Passenger Holding Confirmed Reservation

1. Save as otherwise, a berth or a seat reserved in the name of a person shall be used only by the person and shall not be transferable to any other person.

2. Chief Reservation Supervisor of important stations are authorized by Railway Administration to permit the change of name of a passenger having a seat or berth reserved in his name in the following circumstances namely:

(a) Where the passenger is a Government Servant, proceeding on duty and appropriate authority, makes a request in writing 24 hours before the scheduled departure of trains.

(b) Where the passenger makes a request in writing 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in his name may be transferred to another member of his family, meaning, Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Son, Daughter, Husband and Wife.

(c) Where the passengers are students of a recognized educational institution and the Head of the institution makes a request in writing 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train, that the reservation made in the name of any student be transferred to any other student of the same institute.

(d) Where the passengers are members of a marriage party and any person deemed to be Head of such party makes a request in writing 48 hours before the scheduled departure of the train that the reservation made in the name of any member of the marriage party be transferred to any other person.

(e) Where the passengers are a group of cadets of National Cadet Corps and any officer, who is the head of the group, makes a request in writing at least 24 hours before the departure of the train that the reservation made in the name of any cadet be transferred to any other cadet.

Such request will be granted only once. Regarding item no. (c), (d) and (e), such request for change in excess of 10% of the total strength of group shall not be granted.

[Accessed on 30/03/2018 from http://www.indianrail.gov.in/change_Name.html]

Government of India
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
C.G.H.S.WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1, SECTOR 45, CHANDIGARH

No: CMO/CGHSWC-I/Advisory Committee/Minutes

26-04-2018

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 26-04-2018 IN THE OFFICE OF
ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR CGHS, SECTOR 9A, CHANDIGARH**

The meeting of the CGHS Advisory Committee was held at 10.30 a.m. on 26 April, 2018 at the office of Additional Director CGHS, in Sector 9A, Chandigarh and was presided over by Dr Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Senior CMO (SAG), Acting AD, CGHS Chandigarh, and attended by the following members:

(1) Sh. P S Bedi-DIG (Retd)- PMF Retired Officers Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94648-35350)

(2) Sh Didar Singh, IA & AD Pensioners Welfare Association, Chandigarh. (Mob: 98159-91318)

(3) Sh D D Sharma, Survey of India, Rep of serving employees, Chandigarh. (Mob: 94171-84124)

Welcome Address:

Dr. Ashwani Kumar Seniaray, Senior CMO (SAG), welcomed the members of the Advisory Committee, and intimated that this time the Advisory Committee meeting venue had to be changed to the office of Ad Director, CGHS, as the premises of the Wellness Centre in Sector 45, are being re-structured to accommodate more Medical Officers.

He appreciated the initiative taken by the Pensioners associations in raising their concern about the CGHS set-up in Chandigarh. It is hoped that the detailed letter written by Co-ordination Committee of Central Govt Pensioners Associations (CCCGPA), Chandigarh to Hon'ble Prime Minister, raising their voice at the delay in allotment of earmarked plot of land in Sector 41, for setting up the CGHS Administrative office and Wellness Centre, would have the desired effect, and the plot would be formally handed over to the CGHS/ M/O H&FW for early construction etc. He also appreciated the initiative taken

by some pensioner beneficiaries in their individual capacity, to sort out the problems faced at CGHS Wellness Centre, Chandigarh.

The CMO again stressed upon the CGHS beneficiaries, especially the serving employees, who are still having paper CGHS Cards, to obtain Plastic smart cards at the earliest to forestall any problem in getting treatment under CGHS. The procedure for converting Paper cards to Plastic smart cards has also been simplified.

The member of the Advisory Committee, representing the employees was requested to give it wide publicity among the CGHS beneficiaries.

Case for the empanelment of JP Eye Hospital, Phase 7, Mohali, and Dr Lal's Pathlabs in Chandigarh is in the final stage and formal orders for their empanelment likely to be issued soon. The CMO incharge informed the members that the lab and diagnostic OPD investigations are also permitted at all CGHS empanelled hospitals.

Amenities for the beneficiaries

The CGHS Wellness Centre, Chandigarh, is functioning to its maximum capacity, giving cover to more than 31,000 CGHS beneficiaries on its rolls. It is also catering for such CGHS beneficiaries visiting the city from outside, which often faces overcrowding. The CGHS Wellness Centre in Sector 45 remains over crowded, as the normal daily footfall is in the range of 400 to 500, and space available is limited. The WC has six MOs, which has considerably reduced the waiting time outside the MO consulting cabins, but the bottleneck is the medicine disbursing window, which has lately seen long queues. The administrative staff is trying to find some solution to overcome this problem, but the final remedy for this is the early allotment of the earmarked plot of land to the CGHS authorities for the construction of proper CGHS set-up in Chandigarh, and opening of an additional Wellness Centre in the Chandigarh tricity.

The members can also seek online appointment for consultation as per the guidelines issued by the CGHS authorities. Members availing online appointment must carry the downloaded confirmation of their appointment either in the mobile or a printout, as a proof and report directly to the MO of their choice, as indicated in the online appointment printout. They must also ensure to report within the allotted time frame. In case the delay is more than 30 minutes, they have to seek fresh registration at the registration counter of the WC, and wait for their turn.

Shri Didar Singh was enjoined upon to expedite the repairs of the toilet block of the wellness centre at the earliest by contacting the sanitary staff of the Chandigarh Administration.

MRC status/Pendency of claims:

As per the information from Add Director CGHS Office, Chandigarh, the Medical Reimbursement Claim(MRC) Bills of the CGHS pensioner beneficiaries have been cleared and approved for payment up to January 2018, and the cases for the period up to April,2018 are under active scrutiny . It is hoped that all backlog would be cleared very soon.

Performance of Local Chemist:

There has been no problem with the supply of local purchased medicines from the local chemist. The supply of indented medicine is being received in time.

Availability of Drugs in the WC:

As per records, there are 35 Generic items and 270 Proprietary items available in the WC. No problem is being faced by CGHS beneficiaries in supply of medicines.

Staff Punctuality & Behavior:

The conduct and behaviour of the staff of the Wellness Centre has been good. They are courteous and helpful to the senior/aged CGHS beneficiaries.

Cleanliness & Maintenance of Wellness Centre:

The Wellness Centre is holding huge quantity of medicines and drug in its limited space, which makes it congested. Action is in hand to relocate some set-up in the waiting hall to decongest the area. Location of some Notice boards for the dissemination of information for the beneficiaries is also in hand.

Suggestion /Grievance Redressal:

A letter has been received in the office of AdIn Director CGHS from Shri Bharat Bhushan Sharma, a resident of KV, Sunny Enclave, Mohali, voicing his concern at the congested conditions in the WC in Sector 45. The points raised by the beneficiary have been discussed in details above. The final remedy to this problem lies in setting up of an additional dispensary for the Chandigarh tricity, and early allotment of the earmarked plot of land to CGHS authorities. The matter is being taken up by the AD office and the CCCGPA

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks

(Dr.Ashwani Kumar Seniaray),
Senior CMO (SAG) I/C
CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE NO-1,
Sector 45, Chandigarh

Copy to

1. Addl. Director CGHS, Sector 9, Chandigarh
2. All the committee members.

NPS New Rule: Bank Account, Mobile Number Made Mandatory for Subscribers

New Delhi: The Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) on Friday announced to make bank account details and mobile numbers of subscribers mandatory. The pension regulator has introduced the new rule in order to offer ease of operation for the benefit of subscribers. The new rule will also allow the exit from National Pension System (NPS) a hassle free experience, says the finance ministry statement on Friday.

The changes in NPS have been introduced via new subscriber registration form that has been introduced by the PFRDA.

A finance ministry release also said the pension regulator has made the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the Central Registry of Securitization Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest (CERSAI) mandatory for new and existing NPS subscribers, in compliance with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) guidelines.

“It has been decided by the Authority to make bank account details and mobile number mandatory to provide ease of operation for the benefit of subscribers and make the process of exit from NPS hassle-free,” the statement reads.

The requirements for NPS subscribers have been made mandatory in the new Common Subscriber Registration Form that is required to be filled in by the new subscribers, it added.

Existing NPS subscribers can submit online the FATCA self-certification in their login (www.cra-nsdl.com or <https://enps.karvy.com/Login/Login>).

The information regarding the said functionality is also made available on Central Record-keeping Agency (CRA) websites. The steps to be followed by the subscriber to submit online FATCA self-certification are also mentioned on the website.

It is to be ensured by the National Pension System (NPS) subscribers to fill the mandatory fields correctly and not leave them blank in order to avoid rejection of their forms.

[accessed on 14.05.2018 from <https://www.ndtv.com/business/nps-new-rule-bank-account-mobile-number-made-mandatory-for-subscribers-1840546>]

“Eligibility of Permanently Disabled Unmarried Son of a CGHS Beneficiary to avail CGHS facility”
No.4-24/96-C&P/CGHS (P)/EHS
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
EHS Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: the 7th May, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eligibility of Permanently Disabled Unmarried Son of a CGHS Beneficiary to avail CGHS facility – Reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memoranda of even number dated 31.05.2007, 29.08.2007 and 02.08.2010 vide which the entitlement of the son of a CGHS beneficiary beyond the age of 25 years was conveyed. As per the two Office Memoranda under reference, it was indicated that an unmarried son of a CGHS beneficiary suffering from any permanent disability of any kind (physical or mental) will be entitled to CGHS facility even after attaining the age of 25 years.

2. Since then this Ministry is in receipt of several representations for inclusion of more conditions in view of modification to the PwD Act, 1995 by "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Act No. 49 of 2016)" as notified by M/o Law and Justice, Govt. of India on 27.12.2016. The matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is now decided that for the purpose of extending the CGHS benefits to dependent unmarried son of CGHS beneficiary beyond 25 years of age, the definition of 'Permanent Disability' shall include the following conditions:

I. Physical disability:

A. Locomotor disability including

- a) Leprosy cured person-** suffering from loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity or suffering from manifest deformity and paresis or having extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from gainful occupation
- b) Cerebral palsy** – caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain usually occurring before, during or immediately after birth.
- c) Dwarfism-** a medical genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 147 cms or less;
- d) Muscular dystrophy-** a. group of hereditary genetic muscle diseases characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness
- e) Acid attack victims** – disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing acid or similar corrosive substance

B. Visual impairment:

- a) Blindness-** where a person has any of the following conditions after best correction:
 - (i) Total absence of sight or
 - (ii) Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction
 - (iii) Limitation of field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree
- b) “Low vision”** means any of the following conditions:
 - (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
 - (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree

C. Hearing Impairment

- (a) “deaf” means persons having 70 db hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- (b) “hard of hearing” means persons having 60 db to 70 db hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

D. “Speech and Language disability” permanent disability arising out of conditions such as

Laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neuronal causes.

II. Intellectual disability- characterized by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which cover a range of every day, social and practical skills, including-, social and practical skills, including-

(a) "Specific language disabilities" – a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend., speak, read, write, spell, or to do the mathematical calculations and includes conditions such as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia.

(b) "Autism spectrum disorder" — a neuro-developmental disorder typically appearing uz the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others, and frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviour.

III. Mental behaviour

"Mental illness"- a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgement, behaviour, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation.

IV. Mental Retardation

V. Disability caused due to

(a) Chronic neurological conditions such as

- (i) Multiple Sclerosis
- (ii) Parkinson's disease

(b) Blood disorder

- (i) Haemophila
- (ii) Thalassemia
- (iii) Sickle Cell Disease

VI. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above disabilities) - including deaf blindness

3. Bench Mark Disability- unmarried permanently disabled and financially dependent sons of CGHS beneficiaries suffering 40% or more of one or more disabilities as certified by a Medical Board shall be eligible to avail CGHS facilities even after attaining the age of 25 years.

4. This OM will be effective from the date of its issue.

Sd/-

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

1) All Ministries/Departments, Government of India

Accessed from [http://www.circular.gconnect.in/viewpdf?pdfpath=http://www.circular.gconnect.in/download/cghs/OM_CGHS_Beneficiary.pdf&anchor=on 19.05.2018]

Dos and Don'ts concerning Photographs to be submitted with Pension Forms

F. No. 4/13/2018-P&PW(D)

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions

Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare

3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan,

Khan Market, New Delhi

Dated: 06-04-2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Furnishing three copies of joint photographs (or separate photographs) with wife or husband by the Pensioner to Head of Office while filling up/uploading the pension forms-regd.

The undersigned is directed to say that as per CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the Central Government Civil Pensioner is required to submit:-(a) Three copies of joint photograph (or separate

photographs) with wife or husband (duly attested by Head of Office) (b) Three copies of passport size photograph of disabled child/siblings/dependent parents, if applicable (duly attested by Head of Office) along with Form 5 of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 for affixing on Pension Payment Order. Further, after 1-1-2017, the Central Government Civil Pensioners are required to submit the pension forms through Bhavishya i.e. online pension sanction and payment tracking system.

2. The following guidelines should be strictly followed while filling up/uploading the pension forms in Bhavishya. Details of Dos and Don'ts concerning photographs are as under:

Dos and Don'ts concerning Photographs to be submitted with Pension Forms

DOs	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paste/upload joint photograph (or separate photographs) in colour in the box meant for affixing/uploading the photograph with following dimensions: Single photograph 4.5 cm height x 3.5 cm width Digital photograph (single) *Size Type 70 kb JPEG/JPG/PNG Joint photograph 4.5 cm height x 7 cm width Digital photograph (Joint) *Size Type 70 kb JPEG/JPG/PNG # Signature 2 cm height x 6 cm width Digital Signature *Size Type 70 kb JPEG/JPG/PNG *Maximum Size #Signature must be in Blue/Black colour and clearly visible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not paste/upload black and white photographs. Dimensions of photographs and signature should not be smaller than the box provided in the application form. Photograph should not be in the form of a selfie.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background of the photograph should be plain white and the dress should be in dark colour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph with dark background or in uniform, or with eyes hidden under coloured or dark glasses will not be accepted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph should fit within the given box 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph in computer print will not be accepted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frontal view of the full face should be visible in the photograph. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph is NOT to be signed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photograph should be clear and with a continuous-tone quality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyes must not be covered by hair. Glares on eyeglasses should be avoided with a slight upward or downward tilt of the head.

3. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

[Accessed on 12.04.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/04/dos-and-donts-concerning-photographs-to-be-submitted-with-pension-forms/37052>]

**AMOUNT OF GRATUITY PAYABLE TO AN EMPLOYEE
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 29th March, 2018

S.O. 1420 (E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 (39 of 1972), the Central Government hereby specifies that the amount of gratuity payable to an employee under the said Act shall not exceed twenty lakh rupees.

[No. S-42012/02/2016-SS-II]
MANISH GUPTA, Jt. Secy.

[Accessed on 12.04.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/04/payment-of-gratuity-amendment-act-2018-12-of-2018/35615>]

Empanelment and De-Paneling of Private Hospitals under CGHS

CGHS empanels eligible private hospitals as and when they apply and sign Memorandum of Agreement as per terms and conditions of empanelment under tender process/continuous empanelment scheme. Some private hospitals have opted out of CGHS. The details are at Annexure.

The above statement said in a written reply to a question in Parliament on 20.3.2018 by the Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey.

No of hospitals opted out of CGH during last three years

No.	CITY	No. of Hospitals opted out	Names of Hospitals	Reasons for opting out
1	AHMEDABAD	3	(i) Nidhi Hospital (ii) Anand surgical (iii) Sidhi Vinayak	Due to technical problem and delay in payment.
2	BANGALORE	3	(i) Vasan Eye Care, Nagarbhavi (ii) Medihope Super Speciality Hospital (iii) Shirdi Sai Hospital Pvt. Ltd.	Change in Management Inability to provide certain service Due to renovation
3	CHANDIGARH	1	Centre For Sight	Low CGHS rates.
4	GUWAHATI	4	(i) Guwahati Neurological Research Centre Hospital (ii) International Hospitals (iii) Nemcare Hospitals (iv) Primus imaging Pvt. Ltd.	Due to technical reasons
5	NAGPUR	3	(i) Suretech Eye Hospital (ii) Suretech Diagnostic Centre (iii) Zenith Hospital	Did not want QCI recommendation to continue.
6.	PUNE	16	(i) Bhandari Dental Clinic (ii) Ace Hospital (iii) Sant Dyaneshwar Hospital (iv) Sai Sneha Hospital (v) Colony Nursing Home(vi) Sangamerkar Hospital (vii) Meivision Diagnostic Centre (viii) Rakshak Hospital (ix) Dhanashree Hospital (x) Kavade Nursing Home (xi) Ruby Hall Clinic (xii) Ruby Hall Clinic Wanowarie (xiii) Sahydari Hospital Nagar Rd. (xiv) Shyadri Hospital Karve Rd (xv) Janagir Hospital (xvi) Vasan Eye Hospital	Low CGHS rates for dental procedure Could not obtain QCI recommendation Delay in payment Change in Management.
7	DELHI & NCR	10	(i) Deepak Memorial Hospital (ii) Delhi Max Hospital, Pitampura (iii) Dr. A. Lalchandani pathology laboratories (iv) Mahajan Imaging Centre, Pusa Road, New Delhi (v) Mahajan Imaging Centre, B1, Vasant Kunj (vi) Dr. P. Bhasin path Lab (p) Ltd, Dwarka, New Delhi. (vii) Alchemist Hospital, Gurgaon (viii) Max Hospital, Gurgaon. (ix) Max Hospital, Noida (x) Apex Diagnostic, Gurgaon	No reasons specified by the hospitals for opting out.
TOTAL		40		

[Accessed on 12.04.2018 from <https://7thpaycommissionnews.in/empanelment-and-de-panelling-of-private-hospitals-under-cghs/>]

**Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
NDMA reviews preparedness of States to counter heat wave and lightning**

Posted On: 17 MAY 2018 6:30PM by PIB Delhi

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) conducted a meeting with 17 heat wave-prone States here today to review their preparedness and mitigation measures. In view of the recent incidents of thunderstorm and lightning, preparedness measures relating to these hazards were also assessed.

In the meeting conducted through video conference, Shri R. K. Jain, Member, NDMA, requested the States to run extensive public awareness campaigns in local languages to educate people about the simple ways of mitigating the impact of heat waves and lightning.

He also asked the States to work on developing thresholds at local levels and ensure wider dissemination of early warnings.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) informed that besides the regular five-day forecasts, it now comes out with a special heat bulletins at 0730 hrs to help people plan their day accordingly.

A detailed review of the preparedness of the States in terms of having Heat Action Plans up to the district level, providing shelters, drinking water, rescheduling work timings to avoid peak heat impact for labourers, medical treatment, etc. was carried out.

NDMA underlined the importance of training all stakeholders to build local capacities and ensure better response in an emergency. The Authority also asked the States to share a report on the activities carried out by them so that best practices followed by one State can be suitably adapted by others.

Besides, NDMA has been running an all-out awareness campaign on social media on the do's and don'ts of heat wave, thunderstorms and lightning. NDMA's "Beat The Heat India" campaign is being widely used and publicised by various other stakeholders.

[Accessed from <http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1532650> on 19.05.2018]

**Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh discusses Insurance and Pension related issues with Dr Jitendra Singh**

Posted On: 14 MAY 2018 5:17PM by PIB Delhi

A delegation of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), represented by its Pratiksha (Industrial) unit called on the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh here today and discussed wide range of issues related to Central Government employees, including Insurance, Pension, promotions and other matters.

In a memorandum presented to the Minister, the delegation submitted that the Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme was notified on 1st November 1980 and came into effect from 1st January 1982. The scheme is intended to provide Central Government employees, at a low cost, on a wholly contributory and self-financing basis, the twin benefits of an insurance cover to their families in the event of death in service and a lump-sum payment to augment their financial sources on retirement. However, the BMS demands that the government should immediately notify the customized Group Insurance Scheme for Central Government employees with low premium and high risk cover.

The memorandum also expressed discontentment of a section of employees for being left out from the provision of minimum guaranteed pension under National Pension Scheme (NPS). It requested that a minimum pension be guaranteed equivalent to 50% of the employee's last drawn Basic Pay plus Dearness Relief for neutralization of price rise.

Among other issues raised by the delegation was the demand for one-time relaxation for compassionate appointments. This has become important because a large number of wards are waiting for their appointment on compassionate grounds to look after their family.

The delegation also demanded the framing of an appropriate transfer policy in all cadres in favour of single woman/single mother employees. They requested that whenever such women are given postings, it should be mandatorily ensured that they are placed at stations closest to their hometown or the place of their choice.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that he will direct the DoPT to process the issues related to them, while other issues related to other Ministries will be referred for the perusal and views of the respective Ministries.

[Accessed from <http://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1532048> on 19.05.2018]

Loan for Financing Trips

Planning a vacation is always a fun experience. Whether you are looking to go on a pilgrimage, travel to an exotic tourist destination or visit your grandchildren - there are a wide range of travel options available. However, sometimes you may find yourself having to postpone or cancel your travel plans due to a lack of sufficient funds. Don't worry too much though. Today, banks are offering special travel loans to senior citizens to help you make it to the places you have always dreamt of. These travel loans help pay for all sorts of travel related expenses right from booking tickets to the cost of staying at a hotel.

One such loan is the 'Desh Videsh Yatra Loan' of the Bank of Baroda. This loan allows senior citizens to repay the borrowed amount in as much as 36 easy monthly instalments as on March 31, 2007. Other banks including private banks offer travel loans along similar lines. You can also take a regular personal loan to pay for travel related expenses through banks such as the State Bank of India.

Apart from this, travel agencies provide special travel packages and repayment schemes for senior citizens. Such travel packages include fewer and longer stops at tourist attractions. They also involve less walking and have special buses to accommodate wheelchairs. This is available to ensure a comfortable and memorable trip.

In foreign countries, senior citizens are offered discounted rail passes for train travel, rebates at hotels and lower entry fees at tourist attractions. If you are planning to travel abroad, you can ask your travel agent about these facilities and bargain for a discount on available packages. Senior citizens may also go in for travel insurance. This is useful in case of accidents or emergency hospitalization while travelling out of your home city or country. OOOO Bank provides such an insurance plan for senior citizens called the Individual Overseas Travel Insurance - Salt & Pepper (71-85 years) plan.

[Accessed on 24.05.2018 from <https://www.india.gov.in/people-groups/life-cycle/senior-citizens/loan-financing-trips>]

Defence Personnel

The Government has provided certain concessions to senior citizens who have worked in the Armed Forces. Retired Defence Personnel enjoy special cost benefits in sectors such as travel, health, housing, reemployment and pension. Listed below are the various schemes applicable to them in the related field.

Travel Concessions

Travel concessions are available for road, rail as well as air travel. Indian Railways allows free travel in air conditioned (AC) II tier coaches of mail or express trains and AC III tier in Rajdhani trains for winners of gallantry awards such as Param Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Vir Chakra.

As far as war widows of defence personnel are concerned, they are allowed a concession of 75 per cent on the fare for travelling in second class. In planes, 75 per cent concession is available to retired defence personnel who are Level I or Level II gallantry award winners. The Indian provides a 50 per cent discount to retired defence officials who are gallantry awardees on airline tickets, as on March 31, 2007.

Medical Amenities

Benefits to retired defence personnel also include a range of medical facilities. Ex-servicemen and their families are allowed to go for in-patient and outpatient treatment at military hospitals at any time. The Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme has helped them to a great extent. Non-pensioner ex-servicemen are provided financial assistance to meet medical expenses.

If military personnel are unable to avail medical treatment at military hospitals, they are provided around 75-90 per cent financial assistance from the Kendriya Sainik Board for the cost of treatment incurred at other hospitals as on March 31, 2007. This helps them to take care of their medical needs quite conveniently.

Pension Facilities

The nature of retirement or release from service determines the type of pension for Armed Forces personnel. On normal retirement or release from service after the completion of the prescribed tenure, a retiring/serving pension is paid. In cases of disablement in non-battle casualty cases, disability pension is sanctioned on the recommendation of the appropriate medical authority. Personnel who have been injured or wounded during war or war like operations are granted a special pension known as War Injury Pension.

Usually, the retiring pension is calculated at 50 per cent of the average computable emoluments drawn during the last 10 months. The commutation pension given to defence personnel is 43 per cent for the officers and 45 per cent for personnel below officer's rank. Civilians receive only 40 per cent as on March 31, 2007. These facilities enable them to lead a good standard of life even after retirement.

Family pension is given to the dependants of those defence personnel who passed away after retirement or while serving. These facilities are meant to provide financial stability to retired personnel and encourage others to join the defence forces.

Saving Instruments

The Senior Citizens Saving Scheme or SCSS is a useful savings instrument available to ex defence service personnel. This scheme was recently launched by the Central Government and allows retired defence personnel to invest in this scheme at any stage of their life.

This SCSS provides retired defence personnel and others an interest rate of 9 per cent on their deposits, as on March 31, 2007. The Government has also been introducing other financial schemes and programmes for the benefit of retired defence personnel and their dependants.

SCSS are available through any post office that does savings bank work. There are also 24 nationalised banks and one private sector bank (ICICI Bank) through which senior citizens Saving Schemes are available.

Reemployment of Ex-servicemen

Retired defence personnel may earn a living even after retirement. The Central and state governments provide a number of concessions to ex-servicemen (ESM) for their re-employment in Central or State government posts. This consists of reservation of posts, relaxation in age and educational qualifications and exemption from payment of application or examination fees. While giving jobs, a special priority is provided to disabled ex-servicemen and dependants of deceased service personnel on compassionate grounds. Here are a few details on employment opportunities for ex-servicemen.

- **Central Government has reserved 10 per cent of Group "C" posts and 20 per cent of Group "D" posts for ex-servicemen**
- **Public Sector Units and nationalized banks provide 14.5 per cent reservation for Group "C" posts and 24 per cent reservation in Group "D" posts**
- **10 per cent of posts of Assistant Commandant in the paramilitary forces are reserved for ex-servicemen.**

The Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR) registers or sponsors private ex-servicemen security agencies for providing security guards to various Public Sector Units and industries in the private sector. Some states have set up their own Ex Servicemen Corporations to provide security services in the state. The Department of Public Enterprises had issued instructions to all Public Sector Units to hire security personnel only from state ex-servicemen corporations or DGR sponsored Security Agencies. Currently there are around 1800 ESM security agencies that have provided employment to over 1,10,000 ex-servicemen.

The government has also set up self-employment schemes to help retired defence personnel set up small scale or medium scale businesses. The Self Employment Scheme for Ex Servicemen II and III (SEMFEX-II and SEMFEX-III) and the National Equity Fund Scheme are some such schemes. These schemes provide loans to ex servicemen for starting a small-scale business. The application for the sanction of a loan needs to be submitted to the Zila Sainik Board.

Other employment opportunities for Ex-Servicemen are the Coal Transport Companies Scheme and the Coal Tipper Scheme. Petrol Pumps, LPG and Kerosene Dealerships have been allotted to personnel with disabilities that can be attributed to military service. Preference is given to ex-Servicemen, disabled defence personnel and widows in the allotment of public telephone booths. In the National Capital Region of Delhi, ex defence personnel are involved in operating Mother Dairy booths, vegetable stores and Compressed Natural Gas stations.

Housing Benefits

Housing is a mandatory requirement in everyones life. Whether you are retired from the defence forces or a regular senior citizen, having a house means a lot when it comes to asserting your independence.

Keeping this in mind, the central government as well as several state governments has come up with plans and schemes to enable retired defence personnel to buy a home or piece of land. Ex military personnel may also apply for financial assistance to construct a home.

Sainik Bhavans or Sainik Rest House facilities are another housing benefit available for retired defence personnel and their dependants. These rest houses provide transit facility at very nominal rates. Currently, there are around 238 Sainik Bhavans located all over the country. For more information about these benefits, ex-servicemen may contact the staff at their local Kendriya Sainik Board.

The Army Welfare Housing Organization or AWHO is a society that is responsible for constructing houses for serving men, retired army personnel and widows of army personnel at selected stations in the country. Recently, AWHO has launched the 'Jai Jawan Awas Yojna' programme to construct economical houses for serving Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks of the Army. These houses are being made near Army cantonments so that families residing there have easy access to facilities such as army hospitals and army schools in the area.

[Accessed on 24.05.20188 from <https://www.india.gov.in/people-groups/life-cycle/senior-citizens/defence-personnel>]

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Judicious planning of assets not only secures the future, but also provides a good return on investment. Senior citizens should plan and select financial schemes way in advance to receive monetary benefits. These financial schemes and plans are offered by banks, fund houses and financial institutions. Proper planning of available income options leads to better management of expenses. Financial planning allows you to achieve various goals such as buying a new car, paying for health expenses, going on foreign vacations and living a financially secure life after retirement. The process and various steps that lead to the proper management of finances are called financial planning.

You may have received money from your voluntary retirement scheme or saved up money over the years from salary and pension. There are many avenues where you can invest this money. This includes stocks, bonds, gold, real estate, Unit Trust of India, mutual funds, fixed deposits and post office schemes.

Apart from this, senior citizens may also go for tax-free bonds offered by the Reserve Bank of India. This scheme provides financial security to their lifelong savings. What's more, the interest earned on these tax-free bonds provides a regular source of income.

However, selecting the right mix of schemes according to your needs for profit, liquidity and safety can be a daunting task. You may spend time reading up on different schemes available for information before choosing the most suitable one. This can take a lot of time and prove to be quite a hassle. You also have the option of hiring a financial planner.

A financial planner is someone who takes an overall view of your financial situation, your commitments and your family responsibilities and evolves the appropriate financial recommendations for you. These planners have exhaustive knowledge about the various financial instruments and tools available. They help you select a portfolio that is just right for you.

Financial planners are available at certain financial companies, banks, mutual fund offices and share brokers. Some planners receive commissions from third parties for selling you products that may be unsuitable to your needs. Always hire a reputed financial planner and read the fine print of recommended schemes carefully before signing on the dotted line.

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CPAO/IT & Tech/SCOVA/20 (Vol-1)/2018-19/26

16.05.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject: - Recovery of excess payment made to pensioners.

It has been brought to the notice of this office that some Bank branches are refusing to disburse the family pension to the family pensioners until and unless the whole overpaid amount is credited back

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to the bank. This issue was also highlighted in the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) meeting Chaired by Hon'ble Minister of State of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

In this context, RBI in consultation with Office of the CGA, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure has issued instructions for recovery of excess payment made to pensioners vide their Circular No. RBI/2015-16/340 DGBA GAD No.2960/45.01.001/ 2015-16 dated-17.03.2016 which is reproduced below:-

- a) As soon as the excess/wrong payment made to a pensioner comes to the notice of the paying branch, the branch should adjust the same against the amount standing to the credit of the pensioner's account to the extent possible including lumpsum arrears payment.
- b) If the entire amount of over payment cannot be adjusted from the account, the pensioner may be asked to pay forthwith the balance amount of over payment.
- c) In case the pensioner expresses his inability to pay the amount, the same may be adjusted from the future pension payments to be made to the pensioners. For recovering the over-payment made to pensioner from his future pension payment in instalments 1/3rd of net (pension plus relief) payable each month may be recovered unless the pensioner concerned gives consent in writing to pay a higher instalment amount.
- d) If the over payment cannot be recovered from the pensioner due to his death or discontinuance of pension then action has to be taken as per the letter of undertaking given by the pensioner under the scheme.
- e) The pensioner may also be advised about the details of over payment/ wrong payment and mode of its recovery.

The above uniform procedure may be strictly adhered to while effecting recovery of excess/wrong pension payment made to pensioners and necessary instructions may be issued to the bank branches to ensure that no branch may refuse the pension/family pension on the pretext of excess payment/recovery.

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions)

Sd/-
(Md. Shahid Kamal Ansari)
(Asstt. Controller of Accounts)
Ph. No. 011-26103074

[Accessed on 29.08.2018 from https://www.igecorner.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Recovery_excess_payment.pdf]

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
EHS Section

No: Z.15025/38/2018 DIR/CGHS/EHS

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 22nd May, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Relaxation of Rules for consideration of reimbursement in excess of the approved rates pertaining to medical claims

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Office Memorandum No. 4-18/2005- C&P [V0]. 1—Pt (1)], dated the 20th February 2009 and to state that it has now been decided to modify the Para 3 (2) of the above referred Office Memorandum as per the details given under the succeeding paragraphs.

a) The requests for full reimbursement which fall under the following defined criteria shall be examined by Directorate General of CGHS and submitted to AS&DG (CGHS) for consideration of approval. After the recommendation of AS&DG (CGHS), the concurrence of Internal Finance Division and approval of Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are required for reimbursement in excess of CGHS rates:

- 1) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency and the patient was admitted by others when the beneficiary was unconscious or severely incapacitated and was hospitalized for a prolonged period.

- 2) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency and was admitted for prolonged period for treatment of Head Injury, Coma, Septicemia, Multi-organ failure, etc.
- 3) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency for treatment of advanced malignancy
- 4) Treatment was taken under emergency in higher type of accommodation as rooms as per his/her entitlement are not available during that period.
- 5) Treatment was taken in higher type of accommodation under specific conditions for isolation of patients to avoid contacting infections
- 6) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency when there is a strike in Govt. hospitals.
- 7) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency while on official tour to non-CGHS covered area.
- b) The requests from CGHS beneficiaries, having a valid CGHS Card at the time of treatment, in respect of the following conditions shall be considered by a High Powered Committee constituted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare:
- Settlement of medical claims in relaxation of rules
 - Approval for air-fare with or without attendant on the advice of treating doctor for treatment in another city even though he/she is not eligible for air travel / treatment facilities are available in city of residence
 - Representations from CGHS beneficiaries seeking full reimbursements under special Circumstances, which are not noticed.
- c) The other terms and conditions mentioned in the OM No. 4-18/2005- C&P[Vol. 1-Pt(1)] dated the 20 February 2009 shall remain unchanged.

(Rajeev Attri)
Under Secretary to Government of India
Tel No. 011- 2306 1883

[Accessed on 29.06.2018 from <http://www.circular.gconnect.in/viewpdf?pdfpath=http://www.circular.gconnect.in/download/cghs/cghs-26-05-2018.pdf&anchor=>]

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CPAO/IT & Tech/Bank Performance/37 (Vol-III)(A)/2018-19/17

25.04.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Deficiency in providing of services by banks to sick pensioners/family Pensioner.

It has been observed that numbers of grievances are being received in CPAO regarding deficiency in services rendered by banks to pensioners/family pensioners. Pensioners/ family pensioners especially those who are sick, paralyzed and bedridden are facing problems while withdrawing their money from their respective pension's accounts.

In view of the above, Heads of CPPCs and Heads of Government Business Divisions of all the authorized banks are requested to issue necessary instructions to all the branches to attend these pensioners/family pensioners who are sick, paralyzed and bedridden on priority basis with empathy so that no hardships are caused to the pensioners/ family pensioners.

This issues with the approval of Chief controller (Pensions).

Sd/-
(Praful Dabral)
Sr. Accounts Officer (IT & Tech)
Ph No. 011-26166758

To

- Heads of all CPPCs of all Banks
- Heads of Government Business Divisions of all Banks (As per list)



Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of CGHS
Office of the Director, CGHS

No: Z.15025/38/2018 /DIR/CGHS

545-A Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 14th May, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Prescription of Timelines under CGHS for settlement of Medical claims of Pensioner CGHS beneficiaries.

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM No Z 15025/79/1/DIR/CGHS dated the 5th October 2016 and to state that it has now been decided to review the timelines prescribed for processing and settlement of medical claims of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries in compliance of the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their Judgment in the WP (Civil) No 694 of 2015 between Shiva Kant Jha Vs UOI delivered on 13th April 2018 and in suppression of the earlier guidelines as per the details given under:

Medical Claims not requiring Special approvals

Pensioners CGHS beneficiaries shall submit the Medical claims of the CMO I/C of the CGHS Wellness Centre, where the CGHS Card is enrolled. CMO I/C of CGHS Wellness Centre issues Serial Number and sends the claim papers to the office of the Addl. Director, CGHS for processing. The Bills shall be processed by the Dealing Assistants and CMO and after the approval by the Additional Director, the bill for payment shall be sent to the Pay & Accounts Office for payment to the beneficiary by ECS. The payment shall be completed within 30 days of submission of the Medical claim papers at the CGHS Wellness Centre.

Medical claims requiring approval of higher authorities

Total time within 45 days in Delhi
Total time within 60 days in other cities

Medical claims requiring opinion of specialists

Total time 45 days

2. Chief Medical Officer in charge shall thoroughly check the papers initially for the completeness of the requisite documents before accepting the claim papers to ensure that the claim papers are not returned subsequently for want of some documents.

3. If approval of Directorate or Ministry is involved, the Addl. Directors shall submit only e-file with self contained note and recommendation, enclosing only relevant scanned documents. Care shall be taken not to regret medical claims of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries on minor technical objections if , they fall under procedural lapses, which can be condoned.

Sd/-
(Dr. D.C. Joshi)
Director, CGHS

1. CMOs-in-charge and other Medical Officers of all CGHS Wellness Centres in India through the Addl. Director of city/Zone.
2. Addl. DDG(HQ)/ Addl. Director (HQ)/ Addl. Director (MSD)/ Addl. Director of all CGHS Cities/Zones/Joint Director(HQ)/ Joint Director(R&H)/Joint Director(Gr. Cell)/Sr. CMO (HEC)/CMO(Hosp. Cell).
3. PS to AS&DG, CGHS.
4. PATo Director, CGHS.

Copy for information to

The Registrar, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New-Delhi.

[Accessed on 29.06.2018 from <https://www.govtempdiary.com/2018/05/timelines-under-cghs-for-settlement-of-medical-claims-of-pensioner-cghs-beneficiaries40606/40606>]

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CPAO/IT &Tech/Bank Performance/37 (Vol.-III)/2018-19/22 15.05.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Non- acceptance of Nomination Form for Life Time Arrear (LTA)

It has been observed that Pension Payee Scheduled Bank branches are not accepting Nomination Form for "Life Time Arrear" on the pretext that their branch has not received any instructions from their head office.

As per para 23 of the Scheme Booklet on acceptance of Nomination Form for Life Time Arrears provides that where the Nomination for the payment of arrears does not exist then the Authorized Bank will seek instructions of the CPAO, who will in turn, refer the matter to AG/CCA/CA/Dy.CA for obtaining the requisite sanction of Head of the Office. As such, the claimant can also approach the Head of Office where the pensioner served before his/her retirement/ death.

Moreover para 4.5.7 of the Scheme Booklet clearly states that "CPPCs may ensure that the responsibilities assigned to Home Branches are enforced so that the pensioners are not redirected to CPPC for redressal of grievances and information needs. Necessary performance measures and monitoring mechanisms, in co-ordination with the respective administrative structures to achieve the desired level of service delivery in Home Branches as well as CPPCs may be instituted by the Bank."

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

Sd/-
(Praful Dabral)
Sr. Accounts Officer (IT & Tech)
Ph No.011-26166758

To

1. Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs/Administrators of UTs
2. Heads of CPPCs of all Banks
3. Heads of Government Business Divisions of all Banks (As per list)

Copy to:-

- i) Sr.PS to CGA, 0/0 the CGA, Mahalekha Niyantak Bhawan, E-Block, General Pool Office (GPO) Complex, INA, New Delhi.
- ii) The General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Deptt. of Govt. and Bank Accounts, Central Office, Opp. Central Rly. Station, Byculla, Mumbai 400008.
- iii) The Under Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services, Jeevan Deep Building, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001.
- iv) The Director (Pension), Deptt. of P&PW, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
- v) PS to CC (P), CPAO, New Delhi
- vi) Sr.TD(NIC), CPAO, New Delhi
- vii) Sr. AOs of all Authorisation Sections, CPAO, New Delhi.
- viii) Sr. AO (IAW), CPAO, New Delhi.

[Accessed on 29.06.2018 from http://employee435.rssing.com/chan-8433081/all_p362.html]

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CPAO/IT&Tech/Clarification/13(Vo1-III)/2018-19/32

dated 28.05.2018

Office Memorandum

Subject:-Date up to which enhanced family pension payable.

Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare has clarified vide its ID No,1/1(5) 2018-P&PW (E) 32206 dated-12.04.2018 that family pension at enhanced rates will be payable for 7 years or till the deceased retired government servant would have attained the age of 67 years had he survived, whichever is less, irrespective of type of retirement, date of retirement and age of superannuation applicable in the case of retired Govt. servant. This would equally apply in all Central Civil Govt. Departments/ Offices including Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Medical Officers.

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

Sd/-

(Md. Shahid Kamal Ansari
(Asstt. Controller of Accounts)
Ph No.011 -26103074

To

1 Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs/Administrators of UT s

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- 3) PS to CC(P)
- 4) Sr.TD (NIC), CPAO
- 5) Sr,AO (Coordination), CPAO
- 6) Sr. Dos of all Authorisation Sections, CPAO, New Delhi.
- 7) Sr. AO (IAW), CPAO, New Delhi.

[Access on 29.06.2018 from <http://www.paramnews.com/2018/06/date-up-to-which-enhanced-family.html>]

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

No. 2018/Trans.Cell/Health/Medical Cards

New Delhi dated: 08.06.2018

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Con), CORE

The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, DG/NAIR/Vadodara

CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RWP/Bela, CAO/IROAF

Sub: Medical Identity Cards - Uniformity and renewal

For bringing uniformity in the Medical Identity Cards issued to employees and other beneficiaries on Indian Railways, Board (MS, FC & CRB) have approved the following.

1. The Medical Identity Card should be a plastic based card, the size of which should be same as that

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of the debit/credit cards issued by banks.

2. A strip at the top of the card should have different color for serving and retired employees and their dependents as per extant instructions on color of Medical Identity Cards.
3. A separate Medical Identity Card, with unique all India number, should be issued to the employee as well as each dependent. The card of the dependent may also bear the Medical Card number of the primary serving/retired employee. The numbering scheme is to be decided by Establishment Directorate.
4. The level of entitlement of employee, which indicates the level of facilities to be provided to the beneficiaries, should be indicated on the card. The pattern being used by CGFIS may be adopted with suitable modifications, if required. Health directorate may decide the same.
5. The Medical Identity Card for beneficiaries upto the age of 15 years should be made valid for 5 years, after which these should be renewed. For beneficiaries above the age of 15 years, the Medical Identity Card should be renewed on attaining the age of 40 years and at the time of retirement. The Medical Identity Card should also be reissued on change of level of entitlement.
6. Only bare minimum information of the beneficiary may be visible on the card. The following data may be printed on the card:

- a. The name of the Railway
- b. Medical Card Number
- c. Name & Medical Card Number of the Primary holder in case of card of dependent
- d. Name of the card holder
- e. Year of Birth
- f. Date of validity of the card
- g. Level of entitlement of medical facilities
- h. Health Unit
- i. Blood Group
- j. Photograph
- k. Signature/LTI of the beneficiary
- l. Signature/Designation of issuing authority
- m. Electronic card reading may be incorporated where such systems are implemented.
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This issues with the concurrence of Associate Finance of Transformation Cell of Railway Board.

Sd/

Rajesh Gupta
Executive Director
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**Government of India
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Directorate General of CGHS**

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110 011

No:Z.15025/DIR/CGHS/2018/Procurement Policy Drugs

Dated the 12th June, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Procurement of Generic Medicines under CGHS through M/s HLL.-regarding

With reference to the above mentioned the undersigned is to convey the approval of Competent authority for procurement of Rate Contracted Generic Medicines under CGHS through M/s HLL, till 30th November, 2018 as per the details given under:

- i) During the first three months the indents prepared (CGHS Wellness Centre-wise) shall be submitted to M/s HLL on monthly basis by Addl. Director, CGHS(MSD) in Delhi and by Addl Director, CGHS of the concerned city, in cities outside Delhi.
- ii) The initial indents shall be based on approx requirement of each Wellness Centre.
- iii) M/s HLL shall deliver the medicines at the concerned CGHS Wellness Centre.
- iv) After the initial three months computer generated automated indents for generic medicines based on consumption pattern (as in the case of earlier Pilot Project Medicines) shall be placed to M/s HLL., directly by the concerned CGHS Wellness Centre and M/s HLL shall deliver the medicines at the CGHS Wellness Centre.
- v) The invoices shall be raised in the name of Addl Director, CGHS (MSD) in case of Delhi and in the name of Addl Director of City in other cities and payment shall be made through the concerned P.A.O.

Sd/-

(Dr. D.C. Joshi)

Director, CGHS

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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
EHS Section**

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated the 7th May, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM :

Subject: - Eligibility of Permanently Disabled Unmarried Son of a CGHS Beneficiary to avail CGHS facility-Reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memoranda of even number dated 31.05.2007 , 29.08.2007 and 02.08.2010 vide which the entitlement of the son of a CGHS beneficiary beyond the age of 25 years was conveyed. As per the two Office Memoranda under reference, it was indicated that an unmarried son of a CGHS beneficiary suffering from any permanent disability of any kind (physical or mental) will be entitled to CGHS facility even after attaining the age of 25 years.

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2. Since then this Ministry is in receipt of several representations for inclusion of more conditions in view of modification to the PwD Act, 1995 by "The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (Act No. 49 of 2016)" as notified by MTh Law and Justice, Govt. of India on 27.12.2016. The matter has been reviewed by the Ministry and it is now decided that for the purpose of extending the CGHS benefits to dependent unmarried son of CGHS beneficiary beyond 25 years of age, the definition of 'Permanent Disability' shall include the following conditions ;

I. Physical disability:

A. Locomotor disability including

- a) **Leprosy cured person**— suffering from loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifest deformity or suffering from manifest deformity and paresis or having extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from gainful occupation
- b) **Cerebral palsy** — caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain usually occurring before, during or immediately after birth.
- c) **Dwarfism**— a medical genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 147 cms or less;
- d) **Muscular dystrophy**— a group of hereditary genetic muscle diseases characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness
- e) **Acid attack victims** — disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing acid or similar corrosive substance

B. Visual impairment:

- a) **Blindness**— where a person has any of the following conditions after best correction:
 - (i) Total absence of sight or
 - (ii) Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200(Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction
 - (iii) Limitation of field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10 degree
- b) **"Low vision"** means any of the following conditions:
 - (i) visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
 - (ii) limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree

C. Hearing Impairment

- (a) "deaf" means persons having 70 db hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- (b) "hard of hearing" means persons having 60 db to 70 db hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;

D. "Speech and Language disability"-permanent disability arising out of conditions such as Laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neuronal causes.

II. Intellectual disability-characterized by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which cover a range of every day, social and practical skills, including-

- (a) **"Specific language disabilities"** — a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do the mathematical calculations and includes conditions such as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmental aphasia
- (b) **"Autism spectrum disorder"** — a neuro-developmental disorder typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person's ability to communicate, understand

relationships and relate to others, and frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviour.

III. Mental behaviour

“Mental illness”– a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgement, behaviour, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include retardation.

IV. Mental Retardation

V. Disability caused due to

(a) Chronic neurological conditions such as

- (i) Multiple Sclerosis
- (ii) Parkinson's disease

(b) Blood disorder

- (i) Haemophilia
- (ii) Thalassemia
- (iii) Sickle Cell Disease

VI. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above disabilities)- including deaf blindness

3. Bench Mark Disability- unmarried permanently disabled and financially dependent sons of CGHS beneficiaries suffering 40% or more of one or more disabilities as certified by a Medical Board shall be eligible to avail CGHS facilities even after attaining the age of 25 years.
4. This OM will be effective from the date of issue.

Sd-/

(Rajeev Attri)

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Office Memorandum

Subject:-Non-issue of Pension slip by banks.

Attention is invited to para 4.6.6 of CPPC Guidelines issued by CPAO whereby it has been mentioned that "The Home Branch will meet all information needs of the pensioner using the CPPC system. The CPPC software will display on the computer screen, options and view of the details of calculation of pension and its breakup of the pension paid to the pensioner/ family pensioner. The Home Branch will act as intermediary between the pensioner & CPPC and, besides providing accounts statement, provide to the pensioners the TDS, pension slip, the Due and Drawn Statement in respect of each arrear and the Annual Income Statement".

In view of the above, Heads of CPPCs and Heads of Government Business Divisions of all the authorized banks are requested to strictly adhere to the above mentioned provision of para 4.6.6 of the CPPC guidelines.

This issues with the approval of Chief Controller (Pensions).

Sd/-

(Praful Dabral)

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