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Cashless facilities for treatment under CGHS--Threat of empanelled private hosptials?

As per a newspaper report, Corporate Hospitals Across the Country have threatened to stop cashless treatment to lakhs of Central Government employees from January 1st. This will impact about 45 lakh employees of the Central Government and Public Sector Agencies who are benefiting from the Insurance Scheme.

Protesting against "unviable rates being given to them under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), the Association of Healthcare Providers (India), (AHPI), has said that it will give three months' time to the Government to revise the rates.

"After that we will stop all cashless services at our Hospitals. We will, however, continue to provide services on paying cash (at the hospital rates). They can seek reimbursement later," said Alex Thomas, an AHPI leader.

Price Correction

Representatives of about 100 Corporate Hospitals held a meeting to discuss the challenges they face with regard to CGHS cases. AHPI said the Government should come out with a scientific method to arrive at proper packages for various treatments.

"They have not revised the tariff for various procedures for years, while the cost of operations has gone up significantly," said Bhaskara Rao, President of the Andhra Pradesh, Speciality Hospitals Association and Chief Executive Officer of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences.

The Association will submit a Memorandum to the Centre through CGHS Authorities, demanding a hike in tariff for several packages.

Editor's Note: Our Association had taken up this issue about two years back with the Minister for Health & FW and had also represented to MoH & FW and sent reminders without getting any response. Will the Authorities concerned act at least now?

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) held on 20.9.2013 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State (PP) at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi.

The list of participants is at Appendix-I (Not reproduced)

2. At the outset Joint Secretary (P) welcomed Hon'ble MoS (PP), representatives of Pensioners Associations, and the participating Officers of various Ministries/ Departments. She mentioned that Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies was set up in 1986 and over the years, it has served very useful purpose. The SCOVA highlighted the issues of pensioners, facilitated policy decision and provided discussion forum, where various nodal Ministries can interact. She added that the Pensioners Associations, also have done good work and they deserved appreciation for their contribution. This Department itself has made sincere efforts towards simplification of Rules and Procedures for payment of pension and sanction of these payments. Streamlining the procedure has helped both the pensioners and the implementing agencies. The list of recent changes has been provided on the Department's website. However, all these have been possible only because of the dynamic leadership provided by the Hon'ble Minister, who has directed that no stone should be left unturned for the benefit of the pensioners.

3. Welcoming the participants, Hon'ble MoS (PP) stated that as promised last time, the SCOVA Meeting was being held for the second time in a year. The Minister appreciated the selfless service of the Pensioners Associations'. On the basis of recommendation made by the Department related Parliamentary Committee, this Department is in the process of increasing the existing number of Pensioners Associations from 30 to 50. The Department has launched a web-based 'Pensioners' Portal' a Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan of the Government. The portal **CPENGRAMS** (Centralized Pension Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) serves as a one stop information source for the pensioners of Government of India across the country. He further highlighted the significant recent initiatives taken by the Department in the best interest of pensioners and family pensioners.

4. Thereafter, the Action taken Report (ATR) of 22nd SCOVA Meeting and Agenda items of 23rd SCOVA Meeting were taken up for discussion.

5. Action Taken Report (ATR) on the points raised

in the 23rd Meeting of SCOVA.

i) SI.No. 1 of ATR of para 5:

Status of issue of revised PPOs to pre-2006 pensioners.

While the target date for completion of this work for CPAO, Railways & Posts was 31st March, 2013, the status and further course of action was as follows:

a) CPAO informed that as on 8.8.2013, 71,334 cases (34,733 pre-1990 and 36,601 pre-2006), of Civil Ministries/Deptts, are pending for revision. Approximately, 82% work of Civil Ministries/Departments have been completed. The major reason for non-revision of the remaining cases by Ministries/Departments are non-availability of records of the pensioners in CPAO, Ministries/Departments and Banks. Efforts are also made to approach the pensioners through advertisements, however, as pension has already been revised by the Banks, response from pensioners was not encouraging.

To strengthen the monitoring at the level of the Secretary of the administrative Min./Deptt, this item has been made a part of the monthly D.O to the Cabinet Secretary.

Target date:- 31st December, 2013.

b) Ministry of Railways informed that they have completed the revision of 5,87,035 out of 10,93,772 cases and due to non-availability of complete information from the pensioners, they are not able to revise the remaining PPOs for which they have asked the Banks to help them. They have also issued fresh instructions in May, 2013 that the PPOs may be revised suo-moto and the revised deadline is December 2013. These cases are closely monitored by the Ministry of Railways. Hon'ble MoS (PP) desired that the Ministry of Railways should give advertisements in concerned regional languages. MoS (PP) will take up the issue with the Railway Minister, demi-officially.

Target date:- 31st December, 2013.

c) Department of Posts informed that after re-verification the number of pre-2006 pensioners have come down to 1,96,000 and now the DoP has completed 84.78% of the work. 29,855 cases are pending which will be covered by 30th November, 2013. The DoP are going through a transition from non digitisation to digitisation form, and the Department has already started ERP

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solution, by putting all the legacy data into ERP solution.

Target date:- 30th November, 2013.

d) Department of Telecommunication informed that as on date 53,000 cases remain to be revised. The main problem was that DoT has to depend on BSNL for the records. The Secretary of DoT will address all Heads of Circles of BSNL to expedite the cases by constituting a Coordination Committee at each CCA. As per their plan of action the DoT will be able to wipe out pending cases by 31st March, 2014. To enable this 31st December, 2013 has been kept as a target date for BSNL to provide all the documents relating to it.

Target date: 31st March 2014

e) Ministry of Defence informed that they have started issuing corrigendum PPOs. Corrigendum PPOs could not be issued by the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authorities (PSAs) for want of computerised data. There was some mismatch in data between the PSAs and with the PDAs. It has been reported that the records in respect of Post 2006 pensioners have since been computerised and database exists for 4.5 lac pensioners (approx). Digital records of 5.88 lac pensioners have also been created in respect of pre 2006 pensioners under Project SANGAM so far. Implementation of the Cabinet decision of September 2012 regarding enhancement of pension was a priority and the entire entitlement had to be revised again. MoD has set a target of issuing around 1 lac PPOs every month. Further since the orders issued in this regard did not include all categories of invalid pensioners, the file had to be moved again for amending the orders. The file is still with the Defence/Finance. MoS(PP) directed that a reference demi-officially from him to the Defence/Minister may be sent.

While the digitisation of pension data will be completed by 31st March, 2014, the revision exercise for all cases is proposed to be completed by September, 2014.

> (Action: CPAO, M/o Railways, DoP, D/o Telecom, M/o Defence & DoP & PW)

ii) SI.No. 2 of ATR

a) Revision of ex-gratia amount to CPF/SRPF retirees.

b) Uniform rates of DR

d) Ex-gratia to those who voluntarily retired after 20 years of service in respect of pre 1986 CPF/SRPF

retirees.

e) Ex-gratia should not be less than minimum pension and the same should be effective from 1.1.2006.

As regards (a), (b) & (e):-

The rates of CPF ex-gratia have been revised to bring these in tune with the SRPF rates w.e.f. 4.6.2013. The ex-gratia payable to the families of CPF as well as SRPF beneficiaries has been increased to Rs. 645/- per month w.e.f. 4.6.2013.

Necessary instructions have been issued by D/ o P&PW & M/o Railways vide D/o P&PW O.M. No.1/ 10/2012-P&PW(E) dt. 27.6.2013 and Ministry of Railways letter No. F(E)III/98/PN/Ex.Gr./3 dt 15.11.2006, and No.F(E)III/2008/PN1/Ex.Gr./2 dt 31.7.2013 respectively and these points be dropped.

As regards (d):-

Necessary instructions have been issued by D/ o P&PW & M/o Railways vide D/o P&PW O.M. No. 41/ 26/2010-P&PW(E) dt. 25.6.2013 and M/o Railways O.M. No 2012/F(E)III/4dt. 15.7.2013.

Hence the item was closed.

iii) SI.No. 3 of ATR:

(13)- The Orders of Ministry of Health reiterating that all the pensioners are at liberty to opt themselves with any of the nearest CGHS Hospital/Dispensary may be widely circulated. Arbitrary Orders dated 1.8.1996 and 1.9.1996 issued by Ministry of Health and Director of CGHS may be withdrawn and the benefit of CGHS facilities be allowed to the pensioners of Department of Post and Department of Telecom.

16(i) Medical facilities for existing P&T pensioners.

The representative of Ministry of Health & FW informed that the matter regarding withdrawal of O.Ms dated 1.8.1996 and 1.9.1996 (which provide that the P&T pensioners not participating in CGHS while in service may not be extended this facility) is sub-judice.

(Action: M/o Health & FW)

(ii) Regarding merger of P&T dispensaries with CGHS.

CGHS has taken over 19 P&T dispensaries in 12 cities w.e.f. 1.8.2013 vide MoH & FW Notification dated 9.7.2013 circulated by Department of Posts vide Circular No. 2-3/2009. Medical dated 18.7.2013. Accordingly, P&T pensioners residing in these cities can join CGHS to avail its facilities including inpatient medical

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treatment/hospitalisation etc.

Hence the issue was closed.

(iii) S.No 6 of ATR:-

Regarding additional dispensaries.

Ministry of Health & FW informed that due to the financial and logistic constraints it is not possible to open more dispensaries. Ministry is however mooting a proposal to open CGHS dispensaries at all State Capital not yet covered by CGHS. MoS (PP) said that for opening of dispensary at Panchkula, the matter from his level will be taken up again.

Ministry of Health & FW informed that with the merger of 19 P&T dispensaries with CGHS, the problem of non-availability of hospitalization facility has been mitigated to a large extent.

Regarding empanelment of hospitals, the Ministry of Health & FW informed that in smaller cities, the empanelment of hospitals has been done only in those places where CGHS dispensaries are available. This is because the number of patients in such cities is sizeable.

On the question of computerisation of CGHS dispensary at Jammu, the Ministry of Health & FW informed that the matter is under process.

(Action: M/o Health & FW)

iv) SI.No. 4 of ATR

Dissemination of information in real time.

Department of Posts vide dt. 11.10.2012 has issued instructions for payment of DR to pensioners on the basis of O.M issued by Deparment of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare, and without waiting for the separate Circular. These instructions were again reiterated vide dt. 25.6.2013.

In view of this the item was closed.

v) SI.No. 5 of ATR

Nomination facility for Family Pensioners drawing Life Time Arrears of Family Pension.

The matter has been again examined in consultation with the D/o Legal Affairs. It has been decided that since family pension is granted only for the sustenance of the family of the deceased Govt. servant/pensioner it is not legally correct to consider the same as property of the family pensioner and therefore to facilitate nomination for the same. At the same time, instructions have been issued to allow payment of lifetime arrears up to Rs. 2,50,000 without Succession Certificate when no member

in the family is eligible for family pension. In view of the foregoing, it is proposed that the item may be closed.

vi) SI.No 7 of ATR

Nomination facility for reimbursement of expenses incurred under CGHS.

In D/o P&PW letter dated 30.7.2013, Ministry of Health was informed that seeking Affidavits/NoC etc., on stamp paper from the legal heirs/family members may cause avoidable inconvenience to them. The feasibility of reimbursing the hospitalization expenses in respect of the deceased employee/pensioner to the nominee for the purpose of GPF, gratuity CGEGIS, etc., could, therefore, be examined. Ministry of Health & FW was again requested to re-consider the matter and to inform the decision taken in this regard.

Ministry of Health & FW informed that in the light of the observations of D/o P&PW, the issue is being reexamined.

(Action: M/o Health & FW)

vii) SI.No. 8 of ATR

Extension of duty hours of CGHS Dispensaries:-

The working hours of CGHS dispensaries have since been revised to 8.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M. with a 30 minutes lunch break from 1.00 P.M. to 1.30 P.M. It has been made applicable across the Country at all CGHS locations. Hence the item was closed.

viii) SI.No. 9 of ATR

CGHS sites on the net:-

Link of current website of CGHS is available. Hence, the item was closed.

ix) SI.No. 10 of ATR

Anomaly in fixation of pension to DoT employees absorbed in BSNL, who retired between 1.10.2000 and 31.7.2001.

The representative of Department of Telecommunications informed that the matter has been re-examined by them and a fresh proposal will be sent to D/o P&PW for consideration before 30.9.2013.

(Action: D/o Telecommunications & D/o P&PW)

x) SI.No. 11 of ATR

Merger of 78.2% IDA with basic pension benefit to the absorbed BSNL Pensioners:-

The representative of Department of Telecommunications informed that the matter has been

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re-examined by them and a fresh proposal will be sent to D/o P&PW for consideration before 30.9.2013.

(Action: D/o Telecommunications & D/o P&PW)

6. Fresh Agenda Items for 23rd SCOVA Meeting

(23.1) Submission of application in Form 14 be dispensed with for sanction of Family Pension.

The matter has been examined in the Government. Necessary instruction for grant of family pension with application in Form-14 where pensioner has a joint account with the spouse and using Form-14 in other cases without having it attested has been issued vide D/o P&PW O.M. No. 1/27/2011-P&PW(E) dt. 20.9.2013. In view of the position explained above the matter may be closed.

(23.2) Extension of benefit of upgraded Grade Pay to pre-2006 retirees of S-12 grade.

Ministry of Finance has informed that the grade pay of Rs. 4600 is not the corresponding grade pay in respect of the pre-revised pay scale of Rs 6500-10,500. This grade pay is the corresponding grade pay of the upgraded post in the pay scale of 7,450-11,500. The corresponding grade pay for pre-revised pay scale of 6,500-10.500 is Rs.4,200/- since the benefit of upgraded pay scale is not to be given to the pre-2006 pensioners, the pension of pre-2006 pensioners who retired in the pay scale of 6,500-10,500 cannot be fixed with reference to the minimum of fitment table with grade pay of Rs. 4,600. Pensioners Associations informed that there are some CAT Orders allowing benefit of grade pay of Rs. 4,600 to the pre-2006 pensioners who retired in the pay scale of 6,500-10,500. It was decided that since the matter is sub-judice, the final decision would be taken subsequent to court decisions.

(Action: D/o Expenditure, D/o P&PW)

(23.3.) Complaints Against the System of Lodging of Pension Grievance.

This Department has been forwarding the grievances on pension related matters, received in this Department either on line through CPENGRAMS or otherwise, to designated Nodal Officers of concerned Ministries/Deptts/Organisations. Since even for monitoring those grievances, this Department has been interacting with the designated Nodal Officers, it is neither prudent nor feasible to send grievances directly to subordinate formations. However, the Department is working on the

feasibility of forwarding e-mails where email-ids of nodal office has been provided. Hence the matter may be closed.

(23.4) Broad Banding of Disability Element for Pre-1996 cases.

The matter regarding extension of benefit of broad banding to pre1.1.96 invalidated out individuals was processed and referred to MoD(Fin) for concurrence. But MoD (Fin) returned the matter back for knowing the financial implications involved. CGDA, expressed its difficulty in furnishing the requisite information. MoD(Fin) was persuaded to process the matter without the financial implications. The case has been referred to M/o Finance by MoD(Fin) in March, 2013. The DESW has been in constant touch with the D/o Expenditure to get the case finalized. Secretary (Pension) requested the Ministry of Finance to expedite the disposal of cases.

(Action: M/o Finance, D/o Expenditure & D/o Ex-Servicemen Welfare)

(23.5) Appointment of Specialists and General Medical Officer in CGHS.

Keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the aged CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, feasibility of appointing specialists of various disciplines in CGHS dispensaries on part time/contract basis is being explored. Ministry of Health & FW have delegated powers to the field level committees headed by Additional Director, CGHS of that city to appoint retired Government doctors against the vacant posts of Specialists. Hence, the matter may be closed.

(23.6) Problems faced by non-Smart Card (old card holders) of CGHS.

CGHS has already started issuing plastic cards at all its locations (except Jammu). Beneficiaries may apply for the same with the requisite details and get their plastic cards made from the Office of Additional Director, CGHS of the city concerned. Two new vendors have been appointed for the issue of plastic cards. Hence the matter may be treated as closed.

(23.7) Extension of benefit of O.M. dt. 28.1.2013 w.e.f. 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012.

It was stated that a SLP filed by the D/o P&PW has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29.7.2013. The Department was considering further course of action in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Law.

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Action: DoP & PW

Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners -Revised rate effective from 1.7.2013.

(O.M.F.No42/13/2012-P&PW(G) dated 3.10.2013 of DoP & PW)

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 42/13/2012-P&PW(G) dated 2nd May, 2013 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief (DR) payable to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 80% to 90% w.e.f. 1st July, 2013.

2. These Orders apply to (i) All Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners, Civilian Pensioners paid out of the Defence Service Estimates, (iii) All India Service Pensioners (iv) Railway Pensioners and (v) The Burma Civilian pensioners/Family Pensioners and Pensioners/families of Displaced Government Pensioners from Pakistan, who are Indian Nationals but receiving pension on behalf of Government of Pakistan and are in receipt of adhoc ex-gratia allowance of Rs. 3500/- p.m. in terms of this Department's O.M. No. 23/1/97-P&PW(B) dated 23.2.1998 read with this Department's O.M. No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 15.9.2008.

3. Central Government Employees who had drawn lump sum amount on absorption in a PSU/ Autonomous body and have become eligible to restoration of 1/3rd commuted portion of pension as well as revision of the restored amount in terms of this Department's O.M. No. 4/59/97-P&PW(D) dated 14.7.1998 will also be entitled to the payment of DR @ 90% w.e.f. 1.7.2013 on full pension i.e., the revised pension which the absorbed employee would have received on the date of restoration had he not drawn lump sum payment on absorption and Dearness Pension subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in para 5 of the O.M. dated 14.7.98. In this connection, instructions contained in this Departmen'ts O.M. No.4/29/99-P&PW (D) dated 12.7.2000 refer.

Donation for Association		
Rs/-		
2,000/-		

4. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee. 5. Other provisions governing grant of DR in respect of employed family pensioners and reemployed Central Government Pensioners will be regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in this Department's O.M. No. 45/73/ 97-P&PW (G) dated 2.7.1999 as amended vide

this Department's O.M. No. F.No. 38/88/2008-P&PW(G) dated 9th July, 2009. The provisions relating to regulation of DR where a pensioner is in receipt of more than one pension, will remain unchanged.

6. In the case of retired Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, necessary Orders will be issued by the Department of Justice separately.7. It will be the responsibility of the Pension Disbursing Authorities, including the Nationalized Banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

8. The offices of Accountant General and Authorised Public Sector Banks are requested to arrange payment of relief to pensioners etc., on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, II/34-80-II dated 23.4.1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalised Banks.

OBITUARY

Sri K.N.G.K. Sastry, ALM 618, Retd. Jt. Director, Statistical Organisation, Gol, New Delhi, expired on 28-7-2013 at the age of 82 years. He is survived by his wife and two sons and a daughter.

Sri K.Nagendrappa, LM 534, Retd. Assistant Head Record Officer, Accounts, RMS Q Division, Bangalore, expired on 1-10-2013 at the age of 74 years. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

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	Subscription of Rs. 100/- received for Pensioners' Champion				
LM/AI	LM Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/AI	_M Name (Smt./Sri)
220	Puttaswamy Setty C.B.	1189	Krishnamurthy G.S.	1723	Lakshmana. B
571	Veerabhadraiah	1224	Kulkarni M.B.	1731	Santhanam. E
580	Pavanamurthy S.R.	1282	Sivasankaran. S	1741	Poornima Kumaraswamy
662	Sridharamurthy S	1418	Delhi J.D.R.	1758	Selvaraj. K
710	Soundararajan. R	1419	Chennakesava Murthy. G	1788	Dwarakanath P.N.
750	Ramachandran B.V.	1427	Ramaswamy. K.	1792	Bhandari B.S.
826	Prabhakara H.S.	1453	Srinivas D.K.	1813	Ramachandran. M
898	Purushothaman K.R.	1493	Munshi Lal Sinha	1814	Shanmugam. C
920	Kanagamani. A	1527	Mani. T	1950	Sridhara Mysore
936	Subba Rao. M.R.	1569	Ramakrishnappa. T	2005	Veerabhadraiah. N
998	Egbert Oswald	1619	Ramachandra Rao A.N.	2006	Anantha Rao. V
1084	Nagaraju B.N.	1623	Chandrasekaraiah. P	2007	Prabhakara. N
1127	Pushparaj. M	1673	Tilakaraj D.D.	2024	Bhujanga Rao. B.S.
1178	Tiwari K.N.	1695	Premaja P.P.	2057	Lawrence. A

Subscription of Rs. 200/- received for Pensioners' Champion

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)
461 599 685 814 832 980 1057	Sathyamurthy C.S. Shanmuga Vadivelu. G Rukmani. H Narasimha Holla. G Murthy M.G.N. Jagadeesan. T.N. Seetharaman. R	1153 1160 1198 1213 1322 1412 1660	Subbukrishna C.P. Krishnamurthy K.S. Venkatesamurthy S.K. Badrinath. R Devappa M.M. Bylappa K.V. Dharmaratnam K.N.	1716 1745 1859 1941 1946 1996	Anantha Rao Hampasagar Padma Balaramu Venugopal Rao. R Venkataraman. S Sharabhachar K.N. Jagadeesh. M

Subscription of Rs. 300/- received for Pensioners' Champion

LM/ALM	Name (Smt./Sri)	LM/ALM
1298	Jayaram B.S.	314
1633	Sudarshanam K.A.	330
1821	Ashwathanarayana Y.V.	861
1969	Durgaprasada Rao K.R.G.	1600
	01	1755

1925 Newly-Enrolled Members

	Name (Smt./Sri)	Designation & Office in which last worked	Type & No.		
1.	C.S. Chikkeruru	Foreman (Gazetted) SQAE (L) Bangalore Min. of Defence	ALM 2110		
2.	S.G. Hegde	AEE, CPWD O/o. EE Koramangala, Bg.	ALM 2111		
3.	K. Jagannath	Scientist "B", LRDE, DRDO, Bangalore Min. of Defence	ALM 2112		
4.	N.G. Joshi	SEC, Supt. O/o. CPMG, Bg.	LM 2113		
5.	M.R.K. Rama Rao	SPM, HMT PO, Bg.	LM 2114		
6.	T.S. Venkatadri	Office Supt, 515, Base Workshop, Bg.	ALM 2115		

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LM: Life Member

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ALM: Associate Life Member

Subscription of Rs. 500/- received for

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Name (Smt./Sri)

Krishnamurthy N.A. Jayapaul. Y Akilandam. K Sreedhara Murthy S.V. Rani Shantha

Kulkarni M.S.

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Empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic Centres Under CGHS Bangalore (As on 22/28.9.2013)

(Ref: AD, CGHS, Bangalore, Office Order No. 19-3/2013/Admn./70-97 dated 24.9.2013)

SI. N	lo. Name address of Hospital/Diagnostic Co	entre Procedure for which applied
1	Imperial Hospital & Research Centre Ltd. (A Unit of Appollo Hospital), No. 154/11, Opp. IIM Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-56	Super Speciality 0 076
2.	Bangalore Baptist Hospital Bellary Road, Bangalore-560 024.	Super Speciality
3.	Fortis Hospitals, No. 154/9, Bannerghatta R Opp. IIM-B, Bangalore-560 076.	Road, Super Speciality
4.	Narayana Hrudayalaya, No. 258/A, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560 099.	Super Speciality
	SPECIALITY (\$	SELECTIVE)
1.	Sparsh Hospital as Accidents Orthopaedic Plastic & Maxillo-Facial Surgery, # 29/P2, Narayana Hrudayalaya Health City, Hosur Road, Boomasandra Industrial Area, Bangalore-560 099	Orthopaedic Surgery Including Arthroscopic Surgery and Joint Replacement
2.	Fortis Hospital, # 14, Cunningham Road, Bangalore-560 001	Cardiology Cardiovascular & Cardiothoracic Surgery and Urology including dialysis & Lithotripsy
3.	N.U. Hospital Pvt. Ltd., CA-6, 15th Main, 11th Cross, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore-560 070.	Nephro Urology including dialysis and Kidney transplantation.
	EXCLUSIVE CAN	CER HOSPITAL
1.	Health Care Global Enterprises Ltd., (HCG Ltd.,) w.e.f. 19.6.2012 # 8 P, Kalinga Rao Road Sampangiram Nagar, Bangalore-27 (Exclusive Cancer Care Centre)	Comprehensive cancer care services Neurosurgery (except trauma care). Urology, Nephrology (except dialysis), General Surgery including GI surgery, Transplant services including Bone Marrow and liver transplantation.
	GENERAL P	URPOSE
1.	Mallya Hospital, No. 2, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560 001.	General Purpose including Cardiology, Cardio- thoracic Surgery, Joint Replacement
2.	PD Hinduja Sindhi Hospital, 12th 'A' Cross, Sampangiram Nagar, Bangalore-560 027.	General Purpose
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3.	M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, MSRIT Post, New BEL Road, Bangalore-560 054.	Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery, Medical and Surgical Oncology, Haematology, Endocrinology, Hepatology, Hepato pancreato Biliary surgery Immunology, Medical and surgical Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Neurology, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Respiratory Medicine, Rheumatology, Urology, Vascular Surgery, Geriatrics, Sports Medicine, General Medicine, General Surgery Anaesthesiology, Dermatology and Venereology, Ophthalmology, Paediatrics including Neonatology and Peadiatrict Surgery, Orthopaedics with joint replacement, Otorhinolaryngology, Obstretrics & Gynecology, Psychiatry, Diagnostic Services, Laboratory and Transfusion Services, Radiology.
4.	K.R. Hospital. No. 979, 25th Main Road, BSK 1st Stage, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-50	General including Joint Replacement
5.	Sagar Hospital, 44/54, 30th Cross, Tilak Nagar, Jayanagar Extension, Bangalore-560 041.	General Purpose
6.	Sagar Hospital, DSI (Unit of Mahatma Gandhi Vidya Peetha Trust), Shavige Malleshwara Hills, Kumaraswamy Layout, Banashankari-560 078.	General Purpose and Cardiology, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Paediatric Surgery, Urology i/c Renal Transplantation, Nephrology, Gastro Enterology (Medical & Surgical). Plastic Surgery. Endocrinology, Oncology (Medical and surgical). Joint replacement. Diagnostic Services .
7.	Fortis Health Management Ltd., Nagarbhavi, No. 23, 80 Feet Road, Gurukrupa Layout, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560 072.	Cardiology, Diabetology, Emergency care. ENT. Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Physiotherapy, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, Paediatric Surgery, Respiratory Medicine, Urology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Laboratory investigations, diagnostic & Therapeutic Endoscopic procedures.
	DENTAL (CARE
1.	Dental Health Clinic, # 150, 5th Cross, Koramangala, 5th Block, 5th Cross, KHB Colony next to Juice Junction, Bangalore-560 095.	, Dental Care
2.	Smiles Dental Care, # 74/2, above Nagendra Medicals, 1st Floor, Nagavarapalya Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560 093	Dental Care
	Divya Dental Clinic, New Thippasandra Main Road, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru-560 075.	Dental Care
4.	Chinmayi Dental and Medicare, No. 28, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, Govindraja Nagar, Bengaluru-560 040.	Dental Care
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 Apoorva Dental Care, HIG # Dollars Colony, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Double Cross Road, RMV II Stage, Bengaluru-560 094

Dental Care

	EYE CARE				
1.	Bangalore Nethralaya, No. 946, 21st Main, BSK II Stage, Near BDA Complex, Bangalore-560070	Eye Care			
2.	Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital (Dr. Agarwal Health Clinic), C.K. Emarald, #10, M.S. Palya, Kaveriyappa Industrial Area, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076.	Eye Care			
3.	Sri Eye Care, Laser & Surgical Centre # 98-4, I Main, KHM Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore-32,	Eye Care			
4.	Vijaya Nethralaya, # 5, 20th Cross, Malagala Under Pass, Ring Road, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 091.	Eye Care			
5.	Narayana Netralaya, No. 121/C, Chord Road, Rajajinagar 1st R Block, Bengaluru-560010	Eye Care			
6	Narayana Netralaya, Narayana Health City, No. 258/A Bommasandra, Hosur Road, Bengaluru 99	Eye Care			
7	Karthik Netralaya Institute of Opthalmology Pvt. Ltd., 89, 6th Cross, Ashok Nagar, BSK-I Stage, Bg50	Eye Care			
8	B.W. Lions Super Speciality Eye Hospital, No. 5 Lions Eye Hospital Road, (off J.C. Road), Bengaluru 560 002.	Eye Care			
9	Devi Eye Hospital, 434, 18th Main, 80 Feet Road, 6th Block, opp. Koramangala Bus Depot, Bengaluru-95.	Eye Care			
10	Dr. M.C. Modi Eye Hospital, Dr. M.C. Modi Eye Hospital Road, Mahalaxmipuram, Bengaluru-86	Eye Care			
11	Netradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital, No. 2567/14 Kanakapura Main Road, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560 082.	Eye Care			
12	Shekar Netralaya, No. 633, 100 ft. Ring Road, JP Nagar 3rd Phase, Bengaluru-78.	Eye Care			
13	Sankara Eye Hospital, Varthur Road, Kundalahalli Gate, Bangalore-560 037	Eye Care			
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14	Narayana Nethralaya-3, #37, Castle Street, opp. Sacred Heart Church, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore-560 025.	Eye Care
15.	Prabha Eye Clinic (A unit of Netra Enterprises), 504, 40th Cross, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 070	Eye Care
16.	Sunayana Eye Hospital, # 1156, 26th Main, 4th 'T' Block, Jayanagar, (opp. 4th 'T' Block Bus Depot), Bangalore-560 041.	Cataract/Glaucoma, Retinal Medical & Vitro retinal surgery, Strabismus, Oculoplasty & Adnexa & other specialized eye care treatment
17.	Sunetra Eye Hospital # 519/34, 2nd Cross, 10th Main, II Block, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 050	Eye Care
18.	Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Jayanagar (A unit of Vasan Health Care Pvt Ltd.) No. 28&29 VII Main Diagonal Road, IV Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.	Eye Care
19.	Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Rajajinagar (A unit of Vasan Health Care Pvt. Ltd) No. 46, 19th Main Road, 1st Block, Next to Ananya Hospital, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.	Eye Care
20	Vittala International Institute of Optholmology (A unit of Sri Keshava Trust), Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085.	Eye Care
21	Retina Institute of Karnataka # 122, 5th Main Road, Chamarajpeth, Bangalore-560 018.	Eye Care
	DIAGNOSTIC AND I	MAGING CENTRE
1	Apollo Hospital, # 154/11, opp. IIM, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-76.	Lab Services MRI, CT, Mammography, Ultra Sound Colour Doppler, X-Ray, OPG, Bone Densitometry
2	Central Diagnostic Research Foundation (Pvt.) Ltd. 531, 2nd Main, 2nd Phase, Indiranagar, 2nd Stage, behind BDA Complex, Bangalore-560 038.	Lab Services, MRI CT, Mammography, Ultra Sound, Colour Doppler, X-ray, OPG.
3	M.S. Ramaiah Hospitals, (Diagnostic Centre) MSRIT Post, new BEL Road, Bangalore-560 054.	Lab Services MRI, CT, Mammography, Ultra Sound Colour Doppler, X-Ray, OPG, Bone Densitometry
:	Chanre Diagnostic Laboratory, #121, 3rd Main, between 10th & 11th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswram, Bangalore-560 003.	Clinical Biochemistry, Haematology, Microbiology, clinical pathology, cytology, serology, Histopathology, molecular biopsy and all special assays.
	Bangalore Baptist Hospital (Diagnostic Centre) Bellary Road, Bangalore-560 024.	Lab Services, CT Scan, Mammography, Ultra Sound
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6	Anand Diagnostic Laboratory, # 11, Blue Cross, Chambers, Infantry Road Cross, Bangalore- 560001.	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology
7	R.V. Metropolis Diagnostic Health Care (P) Ltd., # 7 & 21, 10th Cross, Yellappa Garden, Malleswaram Bangalore- 560 003	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology
8	Healthcare Global Enterprises Limited No. 8, P.Kalinga Rao Road, Sampangiram Nagar, Bangalore-560 027.	Diagnostic Laboratory and Radiology
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1	Supra Diagnostics, No. 18, 5th Cross, Malleswaram Circle, Bangalore-560 003.	Only MRI

Following Empanelled Hospitals/Diagnostic Centers have opted out of CGHS

(O.M. No. Z-16024/1/2013/CGHS/7142 dated 26.9.2013 of AD, CGHS, Bangalore)

- 1. Bhagwan Mahavir Jain Heart Center, No. 8, Miller's Road, Bangalore-560 052.
- 2. Central Lab, F3, 3rd Floor, Shiva Shankar Plaza, No. 19, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle Junction, (Top of Tata Motors) Bangalore-27.
- Clumax Diagnostic and Research Center Pvt. Ltd. No. 68/150/3, Sri Lakshmi Towers, 9th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-11.

Hence patients should not be referred to these hospitals/diagnostic centres with immediate effect.

Furnishing of "Life Certificate" by pensioners receiving pension through Public Sector Banks.

(O.M. No. 1/16/2011-P&PW(E) dated 10.10.2013 of DoP & PW) to Chief Controller (Pension), (kind Attn.: Ms. Suman Bala,) Central Pension Accounting Office, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Trikoot-2, Bhikaji Kama Place, New Delhi-110066 with copy to Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Assn.)

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of the representation received from Karnataka Posts & Telecommunications Pensioners' Association, regarding furnishing of "Life Certificate" By Pensioners receiving pension through Public Sector Banks.

You are requested to look into the matter and communicate your views/comments or decision, if any in the said matter to them at the earliest under intimation to this office.

23rd Meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoS (PP) to be held on 20th September, 2013 in Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi--reg.

(O.M. No. 8-2/2013-P&PW(Coord.) dated 19.9.2013 of DoP & PW to Secretary, Karnataka P&T Pensioners' Association.)

The undersigned is directed to refer to Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association(R) No. KPTPA/SCOVA-Meet/9-2013 dated 7th August, 2013 forwarding the itmes/issues listed with regard to SCOVA Meeting.

The request to amend para 6.3 of the guidelines on "Pension Adalat" will require detailed examination. Any inputs on this can be given only thereafter.

Legal Matter

Contempt case in respect of pre-2006 pensioners filed by "S29 Group Pensioners' Assn.", which came up for hearing on 25-9-2013, in Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi is posted for decision to 27-11-2013.

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Guidelines / Criteria Rates for Liver Transplant Surgery in respect of CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiaries

With reference to the above mentioned matter the undersigned is directed to state that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been receiving requests from the Central Government employees and pensioners covered under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944 seeking approvals for Liver Transplantation surgery in respect of themselves and their eligible family members under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules. The Ministry has been examining these proposals on case to case basis for allowing the medical treatment to the beneficiaries on merits. In view of the increasing number of cases, the matter has been reviewed by this Ministry and it has now been decided to issue guidelines and ceiling rates for permission/ reimbursement for Liver Transplant Surgery in respect of CGHS/CS(MA) beneficiaries as per the details mentioned below:-

I. Selection Criteria

A. Indications

1. Adult Liver diseases

Acute liver failure	Non-Paracetamol (Viral, drug, induced, Wilson's Autoimmune hepatitis etc.)	Prothrombin time>100 sec or 3 of 5; Interval jaundice-encephalopathy>7 days. Age<10 or > 40 years Prothrombin time > 50 sec./INR > 3.5 Bilirubin > 30 umol/I Cause non-viral or unknown.
	Paracetamol induced	Arterial Ph < 7.30 or all 3 criteria Encephalopathy grade III or IV Prothrombin time > 100 sec./INR>6.5 Creatime > 300 umol/I
Chronic Liver disease	Cirrhosis (Non- Cholestatic	Child-Pugh score > 10 or Meld Score > 14
	Cholestatic with or without Cirrhosis	According to American criteria based on MELD scoring
	Miscellaneous	case to case basis
Liver Carcinoma	Hepatocellular Tumors < 4.5 cm.	Single Tunor < 6.5 cm or Two Tumors
		No Vascular invasion. No distant Metastasis
	Other types	Case to case basis

2. Pediatric Liver diseases:- EHBA and Metabolic Liver Disease to be decided on case to case basis

B. Contra Indications

Absolute

Systemic extra hepatic infections Extra hepatic malignancy (if not definitely cured). Irreversible brain damage Irreversible multi-organ failure. Substance abuse (if not abstinent for > 6 months)

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Relative

HIV seropositivity. Age > 65 years Mental incapacity. Extra hepatic disease limiting the chance of survival. Residency outside India (unless emergency)

II Type of Transplant: permitted for reimbursement

- a) Cadaveric donor
- b) Live donor
 - i. Related (Near Relatives)

ii. Unrelated (only after approval by Authorization Committee)

III Centres Approved for Liver Transplantation Surgery

Liver Transplant Surgery shall be allowed only in Government Hospitals/Pvt. Hospitals, which are registered under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, as amended from time to time

IV Permission/ex-post facto approval for Liver Transplantation Surgery

The Liver Transplant Surgery will be permitted/reimbursed only after the request has been approved and recommended by a Standing Committee, comprising of the following:-

1.	Addl. DG, CGHS/DDG (M) (as the case may be)	Chairman
2.	HOD, GI Surgery, AIIMS	Member
3.	HOD, Gastroenterology and Human Nutrition, AIIMS	Member
4.	HOD, Gastroenterology, G.B. Pant Hospital	Member
5.	HOD, GI Surgery, R&R Hospital	Member
6.	HOD, Gastroenterology, R&R Hospital	Member
7.	Joint Director (R&H), CGHS/Addl. DDG(MG-II)	Member Secy

The above Standing Committee shall consider the cases in respect of CGHS as well as CS(MA) beneficiaries.

V. Documents required to be submitted for consideration of reimbursement/permission

- 1. Recommendation by Govt. Gastroenterologist/GI Surgeon by at least one surgeon doing Liver Transplant Surgery.
- 2. CT/MRI Liver report
- 3. Etiology evaluation report
- 4. Histopathological report, wherever available
- 5. Current Child Pugh/ MELD score report
- 6. Other relevant document.

VI. Reimbursement Criteria

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As Liver Transplant Surgery is a planned surgery and therefore, prior permission has to be obtained before the surgery is undertaken. However, if for some reason it is done in emergency to save the life of the patient, the Standing Committee shall consider the cases referred to it for recommending grant of ex-post-facto permission on a case to case basis.

VII Submission of Application

CGHS/CS (MA) beneficiaries will submit their request for permission for Liver Transplant to the Standing Committee, through their respective Department in case of serving employees and the Additional Director, CGHS of the concerned zone or city, in case of pensioner CGHS beneficiary. The Department concerned will refer the cases to the office of Director, CGHS in case of a CGHS beneficiary and to the Medical Services Division of Department of Health and Family Welfare in case of CS (MA) beneficiaries for processing the case and its submission before the Standing Committee for their consideration and recommendations.

VIII. Ceiling Rate for reimbursement for Liver Transplantation Surgery under CGHS/CS (MA) Rule

a) The package rate for Liver Transplantation Surgery involving live liver donor shall be as follows:

Rs.11,50,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh fifty thousand only) + pre transplant evaluation of donor and recipient Rs.2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakh fifty thousand only).

b) The package rate for Liver Transplant surgery involving a deceased donor shall be :

Rs.11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh only)

This includes, the cost of consumables during the organ retrieval and the cost of preservative solution, etc.

i) The package charges include the following

- 1. 30 days stay of the recipient and 15 days for the donor starting one day prior to the transplant surgery.
- 2. Charges for Medical and Surgical Consumables, Surgical and Procedure Charges, Operation Theater Charges, Anesthesia Charges, Pharmacy, Investigations and in-house doctor consultation for both donor and recipient during the above period. This also includes all post operative investigations and procedures during the above mentioned period.

ii) The package excludes

- 1. Charges for drugs like Basiliximab/Daclizumab, HBIG, and peg Interferon.
- 2. Cross Matching charges for Blood and Blood products.

Note:-

- 1. The extra stay if any may be reimbursed after justification by the treating specialists for the reason of additional stay and only as per CGHS guidelines
- 2. The drugs mentioned above would be reimbursed as per CGHS rates or actual whichever is lower.

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Grant of Dearness Relief to CPF beneficiaries in receipt of ex-gratia payment w.e.f. 1.7.2013

(O.M.F. No. 42/13/2012-P&PW(G) dated 17-10-2013 of DoP & PW)

In continuation of this Department's O.M No. 42/13/2012-P&PW(G) dated 24th May, 2013, the President is pleased to grant the Dearness Relief at the rate of 5th CPC w.e.f.1.7.2013 to the following:

(i) The surviving CPF beneficiaries who have retired from service between the period 18.11.1960 & 31.12.1985 and are in receipt of ex-gratia @ Rs.600/ p.m. w.e.f. 1.11.1997 under this Department's OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 & revised to Rs.3000, Rs.1000, Rs.750 & Rs.650 for Groups A, B, C & 0 respectively w.e.f 4th June, 2013 vide O.M. No.1/ 10/2012-P&PW(E) dt. 27th June, 2013 are entitled to Dearness Relief @ 183% w.e.f. 1.7.2013.

(ii) The following categories of CPF beneficiaries who are in receipt of ex-gratia payment in terms of this Department's

IDA for BSNL Pensioners w.e.f. 1-10-2013

As per Circular No. 41 dated 15-10-2013 of Bharat Sanchar Nigam (PAT Section), Corporate Office, New Delhi, endorsing a copy of the Department of Public Enterprises O.M. No.2(70)/2008-DPE(WC)-GL-XXIV/13 dated 4-10-2013, the revised rates of IDA with effect from 1-0-2013 is 85.5%

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If undelivered, please return to: Karnataka Posts and Telecommunications Pensioners' Association (R) 1397, 23rd Main, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560 070. O.M. No. 45/52/97-P&PW(E) dated 16.12.1997 are entitled to DR @ 175% w.e.f. 1.7.2013.

(a) The widows and dependent children of the deceased CPF beneficiary who had retired from service prior to 1.1.1986 or who had died while in service prior to 1.1.1986 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.605/- p.m. & revised to Rs.645 w.e.f 04 June, 2013 vide O.M No. 1/10/2012-P&PW(E) dated 27th June, 2013.

(b) Central Government employees who had retired on CPF benefits before 18.11.1960 and are in receipt of Ex-gratia payment of Rs.654 Rs.659/-, Rs.703/- and Rs.965/-.

2. Payment of DR involving a fraction of a rupee shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee. In their application to the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these Orders issue in consultation with the C&AG.

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Month	CPI Base 2001=100	12 Months' Total	Monthly Ave.	% increase over 115.76
June 13	231	2648	220.67	90.63
July 13	236	2671	222.58	92.28
August 13	3 237	2694	224.50	93.94

By. K.B. Krishna Rao

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