

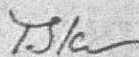
F. No. B-12012/1/2020-EHS
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
(EHS Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 13th July, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting with Staff Side, National Council.

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith the Minutes of the Meeting with Staff Side of National Council (JCM) on the submitted agenda items, held on 09.07.2020 under the chairpersonship of Secretary (HFW), in committee Room No. 155-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, for information and necessary action.


(BIMAL KUMAR)

Deputy Secretary to Government of India

Encl.: as above.

To

1. JS (AS)/ JS (GM), MoHFW.
2. Secretary, Staff Side, National Council (JCM), 13-C, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi.
3. Director (CGHS)/ Advisor (CGHS)/ Director (W&PG), MoHFW.
4. Dr. Alok Mathur, Addl. DDG, Dte.GHS.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH STAFF SIDE, NATIONAL COUNCIL (JCM) ON THE SUBMITTED AGENDA ITEMS, HELD ON 09.07.2020 UNDER THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF SECRETARY (HFW)

A meeting was convened under the chairpersonship of Secretary (HFW) with Staff Side, National Council (JCM) on 09.07.2020 at 11:30 am, in Committee Room No. 155-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, on the agenda items pertaining to COVID-19 and other related matters of Staff welfare in respect of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and Central Services (Medical Attendance) [CS(MA)] Rules, 1944.

List of participants is enclosed at Annexure – 'A'.

2. The Chairperson welcomed all the participants. Opening the discussions, Secretary (HFW) thanked all central government employees who have been working tirelessly during the ongoing COVID pandemic to keep moving the work of Government. She also outlined the steps taken by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) regarding treatment and care of both Non-COVID and COVID positive patients during the pandemic period. After a brief round of introduction, Joint Secretary (CGHS) briefed about the agenda items raised by Staff Side and these items were taken up one by one for discussion.

At the outset, Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary, National Council expressed his gratitude towards Secretary (HFW) for holding this Meeting at a short notice as well as proactively taking decisions for the benefit of central government employees. He also brought out the problems being faced by government employees.

Thereafter, discussion on the agenda began and action taken thereon is as under:

Agenda No.	Issue	Action Taken
i.	<u>FIXATION OF PACKAGE RATE FOR TREATMENT OF COVID-19 PATIENTS</u> In spite of the repeated instructions from your Ministry, the CGHS beneficiaries are facing lot of difficulties and problem in getting treatment of COVID-19 Virus infection. The Hospitals are charging between Rs. 1 Lakh to 2 Lakh for PPEs Kits alone. All put together the CGHS empanelled hospitals are charging more the Rs. 3 lakhs from	The proposal regarding fixation of rates for COVID-19 treatment at private hospitals empanelled under CGHS is already under process. Secretary (HFW) directed that order may be issued immediately.

	<p>each patient. Since there is no package rate prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the COVID-19 infection treatment, the Hospitals are abnormally charging from the CGHS beneficiaries. Such incidences have been brought to our notice from the Central Govt. Employees working in Chennai and Hyderabad.</p> <p>To avoid such type of abnormal charges being levied by the CGHS Empanelled Hospitals, it is essential that the Ministry of Health may finalize a package rate of the treatment of COVID-19 infection. Considering the urgency in the matter a favorable decision may be taken at the earliest.</p>	
ii.	<p><u>REIMBURSEMENT OF COVID-19 TEST CHARGES LEVIED BY CGHS EMPANELLED HOSPITALS.</u></p> <p>This is to inform you that in spite of your instructions to all the Chief Secretaries of the State Governments, even now some of the Private hospitals, especially CGHS empanelled private hospitals are refusing to give medical treatment to the Central Govt. employees. The CGHS empanelled Hospital whichever is at present giving treatment for other diseases is insisting that before admitting the patient for treatment, the patient have to undergo COVID-19 tests and for that purpose the hospital are charging almost Rs.10,000, which include the testing charges and the PPE charges both for the patients and for the care taker. At present, there is no provision for reimbursement of this COVID-19 test charges either under the CS (MA) Rules or under CGHS Rules.</p>	<p>In case of CGHS beneficiaries, orders regarding CGHS rates applicable for COVID -19 test is already notified vide OM Z.15025/18/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 10.06.2020(Annexure-I).</p> <p>Joint Secretary (CGHS) informed that similar order for COVID-19 test will be issued shortly for CS (MA) beneficiaries.</p>

	In view of the above it is requested that Ministry of Health may issue necessary instructions for reimbursing the COVID-19 testing charges being levied by the CGHS empanelled Private hospitals.	
iii.	<p>REIMBURSEMENT OF OPD MEDICINES TO CS (MA) BENEFICIARIES IN VIEW OF COVID-19.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide its OM Dated 27th March 2020 have issued instructions that Considering the guidelines for maintaining social distancing between individuals, the CGHS beneficiaries are permitted to purchase medicines based on the prescription already with them. However this benefit has not been extended to CS (MA) beneficiaries. Majority of the Defence Civilian Employees are governed under CS (MA) Rules. Therefore it is requested that the CS (MA) beneficiaries also may be permitted to procure medicine from the local Pharmacy and to reimburse the same with the existing prescription and for new cases by not insisting for AMA's prescription. Medicines purchased based on the prescription from a Registered Medical Practitioner may be allowed to be reimbursed till the COVID-19 Pandemic is down.</p>	<p>MoHFW vide OM No. S.11011/12/2020-EHS dated 01.04.2020 (Annexure-II) has issued instructions that CS (MA) beneficiaries getting medicines for chronic diseases may purchase medicines from the local pharmacy till 30.04.2020, based on the prescription of Authorized Medical Attendant, already held by the beneficiaries. The medical claim for reimbursement shall be submitted by the beneficiary to the concerned Ministry/ Department/ Organization for further processing. This special sanction was further extended by OM's dated 05.05.2020 and 03.06.2020 (Annexure-II) and this special sanction of local purchase is allowed upto 31.07.2020.</p>
iv.	<p>REFUSAL OF TREATMENT / CASHLESS TREATMENT BY CGHS EMANELLED HOSPITAL</p> <p>Instances have come to our notice from different cities that after the declaration of</p>	<p>Joint Secretary (CGHS) stated that Advisory to CGHS empanelled hospitals is already in place and notified vide OM No. 15025/18/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 09.06.2020 (Annexure-III).</p>

<p>Nationwide lockdown as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19 Virus some of the CGHS recognized hospitals are refusing for giving treatment to the Central Govt. Employees including Defence Civilian employees. Some of the Hospitals are admitting the patients with the conditions that they will not be given cashless treatment and that they should deposit the treatment charges in advance, in case they want medical attention.</p> <p>You will appreciate when the whole country is in crisis and the medical community is struggling to save human beings from the COVID-19 Virus, we fail to understand how these corporate hospitals are refusing to treat the Govt. Employees and their families. Therefore it is requested that you may kindly intervene in the matter and necessary instructions may please be issued to all the CGHS empanelled hospitals to compulsorily give medical treatment to all the central government employees and pensioners by extending the Cashless treatment facilities.</p>	<p>It was assured by the chair that the advisory will be reiterated.</p>
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In addition to above, some other issues were also taken up for discussion, which are summarized below:-

(a) Provision of immunity boosting drugs/ medicines

Staff Side requested the Ministry to make arrangement for the supply of immunity boosting drugs/ medicines to the beneficiaries.

JS(CGHS) informed the Staff side that there are number of AYUSH dispensaries under CGHS and the beneficiaries may avail the services of these dispensaries to obtain such immunity boosting Homeopathy / Ayurveda formulations.

(b) Extension of Health Insurance facility under COVID-19 to all central government employees.

Staff side requested that the insurance scheme under COVID-19 provided to Health Care workers by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare be extended to all central government employees.

On this, the chairperson apprised the Staff side that this is beyond the purview/ mandate of this Ministry.

(c) Different food charges levied by Railways empanelled hospitals

Staff side members raised the issue of different food charges being levied by Railways empanelled hospitals.

On this, the chair assured Staff side members that this issue would be forwarded to Ministry of Railways for action as deemed fit..

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the Participants.

List of Participants of National Council (JCM) Meeting on 09.07.2020

Official side:

1. Smt. Preeti Sudan, Secretary (HFW)..... Chairperson
2. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, OSD, MoHFW.
3. Shri Alok Saxena, Joint Secretary (CGHS), MoHFW.
4. Smt. Gayatri Mishra, Joint Secretary, MoHFW.
5. Dr. Sanjay Jain, Director (CGHS), MoHFW.
6. Dr. Anil Manaktala, DDG (P), Dte.GHS.
7. Dr. D.C Joshi, Advisor (CGHS), MoHFW.
8. Ms. Bindu Tewari, Director (W&PG), MoHFW.
9. Dr. Alok Mathur, Addl. DDG, Dte.CGHS.
10. Shri Bimal Kumar, Deputy Secretary (EHS), MoHFW.
11. Ms. Vandana Chaudhary, Under Secretary (W&PG), MoHFW.
12. Shri Rajeev Attri, Under Secretary (EHS), MoHFW.

Staff Side:

1. Shri Shiva Gopal Mishra, Secretary, Staff Side, National Council (JCM).
2. Dr. M. Raghaviah, Leader, Staff Side, National Council (JCM).
3. Shri Guman Singh, Member, Staff Side, National Council (JCM).
4. Shri Rakhal Das Gupta, Member, Staff Side, National Council (JCM)(through Video Conference from Guwahati)

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Ministry of Health and family Welfare
EHS Section

Dated 01st April, 2020
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

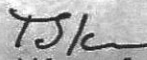
Office Memorandum

Subject : Reimbursement of OPD medicines to CS (MA) beneficiaries : Special Sanction in view of COVID-19 -reg.

In view of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, all out efforts are being made by the Government to contain the impact by instituting measures at community as well as Individual level.

2. Guidelines for maintaining social distancing between individuals have already been issued by the Government. In the spirit of above guidelines, the undersigned is directed to state that CS (MA) beneficiaries getting medicines for chronic diseases may purchase medicines from the local pharmacy till 30.04.2020, based on the prescription of Authorized Medical Attendant, already held by the beneficiaries.

3. The Medical claim for reimbursement shall be submitted by the beneficiary to the concerned Ministry/Department/Organization for further processing.


[Bimal Kumar]
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
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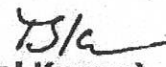
Dated 5th May, 2020
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Office Memorandum

Subject: Reimbursement of OPD medicines to CS (MA) beneficiaries: Special
Sanction in view of COVID-19- reg.

In continuation of our earlier O.M. of even number dated 1st April, 2020, the undersigned is directed to convey extension of earlier time line till 30.04.2020 for a further period of one month upto 31.05.2020, on same terms and conditions as mentioned in the aforementioned O.M. dated 1st April, 2020.

This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide CD No.207 dated 4.05.2020.


(Bimal Kumar)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

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No. S.11011/12/2020-EHS
Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare
(EHS Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 3rd June, 2020

Office Memorandum

**Subject:- Reimbursement of OPD medicines to CS (MA) beneficiaries: Special
Sanction in view of COVID-19- Regarding.**

In continuation of earlier O.M. of even number dated 1st April, 2020 and 5th May, 2020, the undersigned is directed to convey extension of earlier time line till 31.05.2020 for a further period of two months upto 31.07.2020, on the same terms and conditions as mentioned in the aforementioned O.M. dated 1st April, 2020.

This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide CD No.463 dated 03.06.2020.

TS/a
(Bimal Kumar)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Min. of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Directorate General of CGHS

545-A Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 9th June , 2020

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Advisory to Health Care Organizations (HCOs) empanelled under CGHS in view of the prevalent Corona Virus (COVID-19) Pandemic-

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry is in receipt of representations from CGHS beneficiaries of the difficulties in availing treatment facilities at private hospitals / Diagnostic Centres empanelled under CGHS . The matter has been reviewed and it is now decided to reiterate that all CGHS empanelled hospitals , which are notified as COVID-Hospitals by State Governments shall provide treatment facilities to CGHS beneficiaries as per the CGHS norms, for all COVID related treatments.

Similarly, it is again reiterated that all the CGHS empanelled hospitals , which are not notified as COVID Hospitals shall not deny treatment facilities / admission to CGHS beneficiaries and shall charge as per CGHS norms, for all other treatments.

Suitable action shall be taken in case of violation of the guidelines.



(Dr. Sanjay Jain)
Director, CGHS

To

1. All Health Care Organizations (HCOs) empanelled under CGHS through Addl. Directors of concerned Cities.
2. AD(HQ)/ Addl.DDG(HQ), CGHS /All Additional Directors, CGHS Cities/Zones / MSD/ Nodal officer ,CGHS(MCTC)

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

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 10th June , 2020.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revision of CGHS Rate for rt PCR Test for COVID19

In view of the current Corona Virus Disease(COVID-19) Pandemic , all out efforts are made by the Government to contain its impact by instituting measures at community as well as at individual level.

2. In this regard attention is drawn to the earlier Office memorandum No S-11011/20/2020/Addl. DDG(HQ) dated the 21st April, 2020 vide which CGHS rate has been prescribed for COVID 19 Test . The matter has been reviewed and the undersigned is directed to state that it is now decided in supersession of the earlier orders that the CGHS rate for rt PCR test for COVID-19 shall be as per the rate prescribed by I.C.M.R. or the rate prescribed for the State by the concerned State Government or actual, whichever may be lower.

The private hospitals /Laboratories empanelled under CGHS and approved for undertaking the test shall perform the investigation after the same has been advised as per the prevalent ICMR protocols by any Specialists of Government Hospital/Centre / Private empanelled hospital / Medical Officer of CGHS.

3. The other terms and conditions prescribed in OM No S-11011/20/2020/Addl. DDG(HQ) dated the 21st April, 2020 remain unchanged.

(Dr. Sanjay Jain)

Director, CGHS

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- 3 CGHS Desk-I/Desk-II/CGHS-I/CGHS-II, Dte.GHS, Nirman Bhawan. New Delhi
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