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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Guidelines for settlement of Medical claims of pensioners and others.

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is to draw attention to the revised timelines and constitution of High Powered Committee in compliance of the directions 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 to state that it has been decided to issue guidelines to the Additional Directors of CGHS for implementing these decisions. The new guidelines are enclosed for perusal and compliance.

Encl. As above.

(Dr. D.C. Joshi)
Director, CGHS

To,

1. Addl. DDG(HQ)/Addl. Director (HQ)/Addl. Director (MSD)/Addl. Director of all CGHS Cities/Zones Addl. Director (HQ-Admin.)/Addl. Director (R&H)/Joint Director (Gr. Cell)/Sr. CMO (HEC).

Copy for information to :

1. Director General of Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Special Director General of Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Addl. Secretary & DG. CGHS, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Addl. Director General of Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Nodal Officer, MCTC, CGHS with a request to upload a copy of OM on CGHS Web-site.
6. Director (EHS), MoHFW, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

GUIDELINES TO PROCESS THE REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE MEDICAL CLAIMS

1. New Timelines for settlement of the Medical Claims.

The new timelines prescribed for settlement of normal medical claims are 30 days from the date of submission to the payment by Pay & Accounts Office. Every effort must be made to avoid delay at any stage. Proper calculation sheet must be prepared in the file, so that the same could be shared with the beneficiaries, if there are requests for reasons for the deductions.

2. Full reimbursement case/Cases for relaxation of Rules As per the new guidelines they fall into two categories

- (a) Full reimbursement –Non-HPC(Non-High Power Committee) cases**
- (b) Full reimbursement –HPC (High Power Committee) cases**

a) Full reimbursement – Non-HPC cases The following cases fall under this category.

- i) 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.**
- ii) 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.**
- iii) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognized hospital under emergency for treatment of advanced malignancy.**
- iv) Treatment was taken under emergency in higher type of accommodation as rooms as per his/her entitlement are not available during that period.**
- v) Treatment was taken in higher type of accommodation under specific conditions for isolation of patients to avoid contacting infections.**
- vi) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognised hospital under emergency when there is a strike in Government hospitals.**
- vii) Treatment was obtained in a private unrecognised hospital under emergency while on official tour to non-CGHS covered area.**

Although the new OM has not mentioned about STC recommendation, it is advisable to have expert Committee meetings under the Chairperson of Addl. DGHS (as in the case of earlier STC meetings) in respect of Item Nos. 1), ii), iii) and v) before arriving at a decision. The conditions mentioned at Nos. iv), vi) and vii) are administrative in nature and do not require meetings of expert committees and may be recommended by Addl. Director, if conditions are satisfied.

In Delhi the expert committee meetings shall be organised by respective CMO(R&H) and by AD(R&H) in case of claims of serving employees of Delhi. Such meetings in respect of other cities shall be organized by Sr. CMO in the office of Addl. DDG (HQ).

The request for full reimbursement as examined by Additional Director (HQ)/Addl. DDG (HQ), in consultation with expert committee meetings, wherever deemed necessary

and recommendation for full reimbursement shall be submitted to Director, CGHS and concurrence of IFD may be obtained after approval of AS&DG, CGHS before the seeking the approval of Secretary for reimbursement in excess of CGHS rates.

If the above criteria are not satisfied (including the regrets by expert committees) the requests may be regretted by Addl. Director of concerned City, with a covering letter explaining the reasons and referring to the concerned OM.

In case there is a representation to consider as a special case then only it may be placed before the High Power Committee.

Addl. Directors shall prepare a self contained note giving details of case and submit the files with relevant documents to Director, CGHS through AD(HQ)/Addl. DDG (HQ).

If the proposal is approved by AS&DG, CGHS, concurrence of IFD and approval of Secretary, Health and Family Welfare are solicited for reimbursement in excess of approved rates.

b) Full reimbursement-HPC cases

The Composition of High Power Committee, shall be as under :-

1. Special Director General .. Chairperson.
2. Directorate General, CGHS or his Nominees .. Member
3. Addl. Director, CGHS(HQ)/
Addl. DDG(HQ) CGHS. .. Member
4. Addl. Director, CGHS (R&H). .. Member Secretary
5. One Government Specialist.
(of concerned Speciality). .. Member

The High Power Committee shall consider representations received from CGHS beneficiaries holding valid CGHS cards only at the time treatment, in respect of the following conditions :-

1. Approval for air-fare with or without attendant on the advice of treating doctor for treatment in another city even though he is not eligible for air travel/treatment facilities are available in city of residence.
2. Representations from CGHS beneficiaries seeing full reimbursement under special circumstances.
3. Relaxation of Rules.

High Power Committee shall meet once in a month and action on the decisions taken shall be completed within seven days of meeting, with the concurrence of the IFD, wherever, it is deemed necessary.

Addl. Directors shall submit the files with relevant documents to the AD(HQ)/Addl. DDG (HQ) for placing the representations before High Power Committee.

AD(R&H) shall be Member Secretary, who shall with the help of Sr. CMO of the Office of Addl. DDG(HQ) shall issue meeting notices including notices to concerned Government Specialists and organize meeting for the Meetings of High Power Committee.

The requests received upto the 15th of the month shall be placed before the Committee.

If the High Power Committee does not recommend the regret letters shall be issued explaining the reasons.

If the High Power Committee recommends full reimbursement/ relaxation of rules, Concurrence of IFD and approval of Secretary (H&FW) shall be obtained within 7 days.

3. In addition there are expert committees to consider several cases

Expert committee meetings for other purposes shall continue to be held as in the past in the following cases:

Expert Committee meetings for consideration of Liver Transplant cases, Bariatric Surgery.

Bone-marrow/Stem Cell Transplant, Justification of treatment/implants in selected cases shall continue as before.

Standing Committee meetings for Cochlear implant shall continue as before.

Expert Committee Meetings for approval of Drugs, etc. shall continue.