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Sub: Extension of Medical facilities to Pensioners & dependent spouse – Fresh prescribed procedures and payment mechanism thereon to the Hospitals – regarding.

At present, there is no medical facility provided by the organization to the retired employees and their spouse, except the monthly allowance of Rs.1000/- per month alongwith monthly pension. The retired employees are requesting for the reimbursement of medical claims since long time similar to the facilities given to the serving employees. In view of the fact that the matter has already been referred to the Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi and the same is pending with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for final decision, it is not possible to take any decision in this matter by the CSB at this moment.

However, as a welfare measure, it is proposed to provide the medical facility to the pensioners without any kind of finance/ non-finance / legal responsibility on CSB at CGHS rates and 20% discount on the un-coded items on par with the serving employees at the CSB recognized hospitals.

As there is no reimbursement of claims, CSB will not have any financial responsibility. This measure will greatly benefit pensioners, and their dependent spouses, as they will get the medical facility as per CGHS rates which are much less than normal hospital rates.

To achieve this measure the following are proposed:

1. It is decided to negotiate with the recognized hospitals to include a clause in the MoU to be entered with them that the medical facilities can be extended to the pensioners of CSB as well at the prescribed CGHS rates on the coded items and 20% discount on the un-coded items.

2. In case, any hospital refuses to incorporate the above clause due to some reason then, MoU shall be entered as it is. Non-inclusion of this clause will not act as deterrent in entering into MoU with the recognized Hospitals.

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3. A specimen copy of the amendment to the existing MoU is follows:

The hospital shall charge latest CGHS / NABH rates for coded items and with 20% discount on un-coded items for the treatment provided to the CSB Pensioners and their dependent family members during the period of this agreement. The Pensioners will produce the ID card issued for the purpose. The Pensioner will directly effect the payments to the Hospitals. The CSB / Units will not pay bills pertaining to the medical facility availed from the hospitals in respect of Pensioners and his dependent spouse.

4. CSB units are requested to furnish the list of Hospitals with whom the MoU has entered and also provide the details whether the Hospital has agreed to extend the medical facilities at CGHS rate to CSB Pensioner and their dependent spouse. The said details alongwith list of Hospitals should reach Central Office, Bangalore latest by 25th January, 2020.

5. A separate medical identity card will be issued to all the pensioners from Central Office, Bangalore for this purpose by incorporating the conditions absolving any kind of responsibility on the part of CSB whatsoever. The pensioners will be requested to submit a joint photograph alongwith their spouse duly attested gazette officer. The fee for issue of medical ID card will be communicated in due course of time after ascertaining the same from the concerned.

6. This is only a temporary measure till the final decision is taken by the MoT, New Delhi based on the direction by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, New Delhi which will be final and binding.

7. The CSB Pensioners are required to pay the cost of medical treatment to the respective Hospital directly at CGHS rates. No credit facility will be extended to the CSB Pensioners under any circumstances.

8. CSB is in no way responsible for the reimbursement of medical claims, quality of the medical treatment given by the hospital, etc., Central Silk Board in no way responsible for any other issues like financial or non-financial in nature including legal disputes, if any relating to their medical claims.

The medical facilities to CSB Pensioners is proposed to be extended w.e.f. 1st March, 2020.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Member Secretary.

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To

All the units of CSB