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Sub:- ECHS versus CGHS - unfair approach/ treatment to CGHS beneficiaries : Reg

Ref:- ECHS Directorate, New Delhi letter No 22B(03)/2021/WE/D (Res-I) dated 07-07-2021  
(copy attached for ready reference)

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the CGHS beneficiaries in the entire country, I would like to invite your kind attention to the contents at Para 5 of the the above referred letter which read as under :-

Para 5 : CGHS empaneled medical facilities will be empaneled with ECHS for the period for which the facilities hold valid MoA with CGHS. The MoA will be extendable once CGHS renew the MoA with the medical facilities"

2. From the above it is very clear and evident that ECHS beneficiaries can avail treatment facilities at ECHS empaneled hospitals also.

More precisely, the above condition is that if the hospital is a CGHS empanelled it automatically comes under ECHS; whereas such conditions are not made applicable to CGHS beneficiaries. As a matter of fact that if ECHS beneficiaries can seek medical treatment facilities at CGHS empaneled hospitals, it must be vice versa too. But unfortunately, most of the ECHS empaneled hospitals do not entertain CGHS beneficiaries. It is a clear case of injustice and great damage to the CGHS beneficiaries. In the matter of extending medical treatment facilities, there cannot be two type of yardsticks; none is superior and all are human beings and therefore equal opportunity must be provided to both ECHS and CGHS beneficiaries. Moreover, ECHS follow all the guidelines and rules of CGHS; but when the question of empanellment of private specialist hospitals come, ECHS get more hospitals empaneled while the same analogy is not followed by CGHS. For example, in Kerala, almost all the District HQ have two or more ECHS empaneled hospitals, while the entire State is having a very few CGHS empaneled hospitals. Moreover, the beneficiaries belonging to both the segments in Kerala viz., ECHS and CGHS are more or less the same. It is quite likely that the situation in other State may be also the same as far as the availability of empaneled hospitals both in the stream ECHS and CGHS is concerned.

3. In view of the above factual position, CGHS Directorate, New Delhi is requested to kindly study the above referred matter thoroughly and issue suitable directives enabling the CGHS beneficiaries to avail medical treatment facilities at ECHS empaneled hospitals automatically, as in the similar way the ECHS beneficiaries are automatically eligible/permitted for availing medical treatment facilities at all CGHS empaneled hospitals as a matter of justice and equality (vice versa)

Submitted for kind consideration and suitable further directives.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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All ADs CGHS