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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health & Family Welfare

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relaxation of procedures to be followed in considering requests for medical reimbursement claims in respect of CS (MA) beneficiaries.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare received several representations from CGHS beneficiaries for issue of guidelines to be followed in considering requests for relaxation of procedures in considering requests for medical reimbursement over and above the approved rates. The matter was examined by the Ministry and Office Memorandum No.4-18/2005-C&P {Vol-I Pt.(1)} dated the 20th February, 2009 was issued prescribing the procedures and guidelines to be followed for consideration of requests received from CGHS beneficiaries seeking reimbursement of expenditure incurred on medical treatment over and above the approved rates. The requirement of essentiality certificate in respect of CGHS beneficiaries was also done away with.

However, no such guidelines were issued under CS(MA) Rules. In this regard Department – related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in the seventy first report impressed upon the Department to immediately address this issue and extend same facilities to those covered under CS(MA) Rules and to issue a fresh circular clarifying the procedures in this regard and dispelling misgivings, if any. Ministry was also in receipt of representation from several quarters in this regard.

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with Dte.GHS and it has been decided to revise the guidelines for reimbursement by the competent authority to issue guidelines under CS(MA), on similar pattern as under CGHS as per the following:

- (1) It has now been decided to do away with the procedure for verification of bills and issue of essentiality certificate by the treating doctor and the Medical Superintendent of the hospital. Ministries/Authorities concerned may verify and check the authenticity of the claims on the basis of the prescription slip and the diagnostic report submitted by the Government servant. In the event of any doubt, the concerned Ministry/Authority can always get verification done from the hospital concerned.

