

EMPANELMENT OF DIALYSIS CENTRES

1. With the introduction of ECHS, the Army Group Insurance Fund – Medical Benefit Scheme (AGIF-MBS) is proposed to close down by 31 Mar 2006. Under the AGIF-MBS, Hemodialysis is one of the approved treatment packages. For this purpose, several „Dialysis Centers“ were established to provide quality dialysis at cheaper rates to Ex Servicemen who were members of AGIF. These 'Dialysis Centers' exist at the following hospitals :-

- (a) Command Hospital, Pune.
- (b) Command Hospital, Kolkata.
- (c) Command Hospital, Chandimandir.
- (d) Command Hospital, Lucknow.
- (e) Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt.
- (f) Military Hospital, Jalandhar.

2. To establish the Dialysis Centers, a corpus was created at each of the Hospitals, which was shared by AG's Welfare Fund and the AGIF, to cater for expenditure on establishment of these centers incl purchase of equipment, and for maintenance to make these Dialysis Centers full functional. AGIF members are required to pay Rs 400/- per dialysis (which is reimbursed to patient by AGIF). This amount, along with interest on corpus enables these centres to function on a self sustaining basis.

3. A large amount of welfare funds have been spent in creating these state of the art 'Dialysis Centres'. It has been decided to maintain these 'Dialysis Centres' in perpetuity even after withdrawal of the AGIF-MBS. To guarantee financial support to meet the expenditure of pay and allowances of staff, maintenance/replacement cost of dialysis machines/reverse OSMOSIS plant and such other expenditure the following have been decided :-

- (a) Corpus held with Army Dialysis Centres will NOT be withdrawn.
- (b) Each 'Dialysis Centre' will apply for empanelment with ECHS in prescribed application form.
- (c) Every ECHS member referred for dialysis to these Centres will be provided dialysis free of cost. ECHS will be billed for each dialysis at the rate of **Rs 1000/-** per session. Bill will be fwd for payment to ECHS Polyclinic which referred the case.
- (d) Additional drugs (viz Erythropoietin) or investigations, if required, will be carried out through the Service Hospital to which the concerned dialysis centre is affiliated. Addl expenditure for the same, if required will be paid by the concerned hospital out of ECHS funds allotted for DGLP.

4. In view of the above, you are requested to initiate empanelment action in respect of the Army Dialysis Centres listed at Para 1 above at the earliest. Completed application forms, duly endorsed with recommendations of BOO be fwd through the laid down channel to reach us by 03 Oct 2005, so that sanction of MOD can be expeditiously obtained.

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