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1. Please refer DGAFMS/DG-2C Policy letter No 19189/DGAFMS/DG-2C dated 28 Jan 2011 is fwd herewith (copy enclosed).
2. Concurrence of DGAFMS has been received to issue upto 90 days medicines on prescription to those chronic patients who do not require review at the discretion of treating physician. It may be disseminated for compliance by SEMOs/PMOs/SMOs and OIC Polyclinics.
3. The instruction may be issued to Polyclinics under your AOR.

Encls :- As above

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1. The office of the DGAFMS had issued instructions vide this office letter of even number dated 28 Sep 07 & 22 Jun 09 that, medicines to ECHS beneficiaries will be issued for only one month. The policy was arrived at, after due deliberation on this sensitive issue.

2. This policy is primarily based on principle of sound medical practice for interaction with patient to monitor treatment protocol and its outcome, ensuring better patient compliance and so on. No fixed period can be stipulated for prescription, as at times, reviews are warranted more often depending on the drugs prescribed and the patient's changing health condition. **A one month review interval is the best possible balance between patient's convenience and sound medical practice.** This also minimizes adverse drug reactions, reduces avoidable wastage of medicine and thus, has a positive effect on the patient health care.

3. There have been representations from ECHS beneficiaries from time to time that medicines must be issued for three months at a time instead of one month. This matter has been re-examined, this is again emphasized that the policy for issue of 30 days medicine at a time, must be adhered to, for the reasons cited above. However appreciating the difficulties of ex-servicemen coming from far flung areas/outstations, medicines may be issued for a period of 60/90 days at a time at the discretion of the treating physician on case to case basis. In all such cases, the treating doctor will endorse the remarks "Case does not require review for 60/90 days".

4. This has the approval of Offg DGAFMS.

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