

ISSUE OF MEDICAL EQPT PRESCRIBED FOR ECHS MEMBERS

1. Reference is made to Govt of India Min of Defence letter No 24 (8)/03/ US(WE) /D(Res) dated 19 Dec 2003. Issues regarding issue of medical eqpt to ECHS members are amplified below .

2. Specified medical equipment can be prescribed for ECHS members under conditions laid down in Paras 9 (b), (e), (g) and (l) of GOI letter under reference. The detailed guidelines for issue of such prescribed medical eqpt to ECHS members are given in the succeeding paragraphs.

3. **Hearing Aids** – B/49770/AG/ECHS/Hearing Aid dated 27 Jul 2005.

Artificial Limbs/Appliances

4. ECHS members can obtain Artificial limbs/appliances through Armed Forces Medical Service institutions or empanelled facilities, once referred to the facility by the Polyclinic.

5. When referred to Service facilities, Artificial Limbs/Appliance for ECHS members will be fitted at Artificial Limb Centre (ALC) Pune, or Artificial Limb Sub Centres in the AFMS hospitals. The Artificial limbs / appliances will be procured for ECHS funds sub allocated to ALC Pune and Service Hospitals by the Office of DGAFMS.

6. When treatment is undertaken in civil empanelled facilities, CGHS rates will apply. Expenditure over and above the authorized CGHS rates, if any, will be borne by ECHS member. Payment will be made through the cash Assignment system by the Station Commander as per normal laid down procedures for payment to empanelled facilities.

Glucometers and Nebuliser

7. Glucometers and Nebuliser will be issued to members, when use of such equipment is considered absolutely essential on medical grounds. The eqpt will be supplied under following conditions :-

(a) **Glucometer** :- ECHS members who are suffering from complications of Diabetes Mellitus may be issued glucometers on specific recommendation of the Medical Specialist of the ECHS Polyclinic/Service Hospital/Empanelled Hospital.

(b) **Nebulisers** ECHS members who are patients of Bronchial Asthma or respiratory conditions requiring regular administration of inhalation therapy by nebuliser may be issued Nebulisers on the specific recommendation of Medical Specialist in the ECHS Polyclinic/Service Hospital/Empanelled facility.

8. Approval by the Senior Advisor and Consultant in Medicine, under whose jurisdiction the ECHS Polyclinic is located, will be obtained for items at Para 10 (a) and (b). The O I/C Polyclinic will thereafter initiate procurement action for the eqpt as per local purchase procedures. The following documents will be submitted to the Station Commander for this sanction, through the SEMO/SMO/PMO.

- (a) A brief case summary and advice of the medical specialist of the Polyclinics/Service Hospital/Empanelled Hospital.
- (b) Recommendation of the Senior Adviser and Consultant.
- (c) Quotation from vendors.
- (d) Comparative Statement.
- (e) Comment from O I/C Polyclinic stating that the amount is within the prescribed CGHS rates.

9. Payment for the item to the vendor will be made by cheque through the Cash Assignment by the Station Commander. The item will be issued to the ECHS member and a receipt obtained. The receipt will be attached with the case file and preserved for audit purposes. Details of the issue will also be entered in the patient record in the Polyclinic computer and in his smart card.

10. The cost of maintenance of equipment will be borne by the ECHS member. Replacement of the equipment is only permitted after 5 years on production of condemnation certificate by the O i/C Polyclinic and recommendation for continuation of treatment by the Medical Specialist.

CIPAP/BJPAP Machines

11. When a CIPAP/BJPAP machine is recommended for any ECHS member by Specialist of a Service Hospital /Empanelled Hospital, a statement of case will be forwarded by the OI/C Polyclinic. The Statement of Case will include basic investigation report and Sleep Lab report of the Service Hospital/Empanelled Hospital. Recommendations of a Service Specialist and approval by the Senior Advisor and Consultant of the concerned speciality, under whose jurisdiction the Polyclinic is located will be obtained in all such case.

12. The O I/C Polyclinic will thereafter initiate procurement action for the eqpt as per local purchase procedures. The following documents will be submitted to the Station Commander for his sanction through the SEMO/SMO/PMO : -

- (a) A brief case summary, basic investigation reports, sleep lab report and advice of the medical specialist of the Service Hospital/ Empanelled Hospital .
- (b) Recommendation of Service Medical Specialist, Senior Adviser and Consultant.
- (c) Quotations from vendors.
- (d) Comparative statement.

13. Payment for CIPAP/BIPAP machines will be made by cheque to the vendor through the Cash Assignment by the Station Commander. Actual cost of CIPAP/BJPAP machines or CGHS rates, whichever is lesser, will apply. Expenditure over and above the authorized CGHS rate will be borne by the ECHS member. The CIPAP/BIPAP machine will be issued to the ECHS member and a receipt obtained. The receipt will be attached with the case file and preserved for audit purposes. Details of the issue will also be entered in the patients record in the Polyclinic computer and or his Smart card.

14. The cost of upkeep and maintenance of the CIPAP/BIPAP machines will be borne by the ECHS member. A CIPAP/BIPAP machine will only be issued once in a life time to the member.

15. Spectacles will not be provided under ECHS system except post operatively in case of conventional operation of cataract. Cost of spectacles in such cases will be limited to Rs 200/- only. In all such cases the patient will submit the bills for reimbursement towards cost of spectacles to the O I/C Polyclinic who will forward it to the SEMO/SMO/PMO giving date of conventional cataract surgery and recommendation by the Medical Officer of the Polyclinic or Eye Specialist of Service/Empanelled Hospital. The payment will be made by the Station Commander from his Cash Assignment.

16. Records of the patient will be updated after the payment is completed. Replacement of Spectacles will be admissible once in three years on the advice of the Medical Officers of the Polyclinic or empanelled Consultant .

Other Medical Equipment for Domiciliary use

17. No other equipment is authorized for issue of ECHS member at present. Other Medical Equipment, as and when included for issue to patients, will be intimated to all concerned.

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