

CESSATION OF TEMPORARY ATTACHMENT PROCEDURE

1. Reference our following letters:-
 - (a) B/49762/AG/ECHS dated 04 Aug 2006.
 - (b) B/49770-P/AG/ECHS/Referral dated 05 Apr 2007.
 - (c) B/49762/AG/ECHS dated 05 Nov 2009.
 - (d) B/49711/AG/ECHS dated 16 Dec 2010.

2. Provision of Temporary Attachment Certificate was initiated to facilitate provisioning and issue of drugs/medicines and consumables by a Polyclinic to outstation ECHS beneficiaries. Patients temporarily relocating to a new station were given TAC for facilitating issue of medicines for a prescribed duration.

3. Feedback from the environment regarding utility of TAC indicates that the procedure instead of facilitating delivery of medicare has become a hindrance. Further the intended purpose of assisting in planning MMF is also not being achieved.

4. In light of the above feedback the entire procedure of TAC was deliberated upon at length at the Central Organisation. Consequently, it has been decided to abolish the procedure of temporary attachments. Hereafter, ECHS beneficiaries may receive treatment/referral from any ECHS Polyclinic on production of ECHS Smart Card.

5. In order to minimize procedural hassles and hardship to veterans following simplified procedure will be followed:-
 - (a) A veteran reporting sick at a Polyclinic other than his parent Polyclinic can easily be identified at the reception (The cmpr shows the card belonging to other Polyclinic by a pop up window). The outstation veteran will be given an option of changing his parent Polyclinic or continuing as a temporary member. He will be explained that in case he opts for change of parent Polyclinic he will not be able to change it again for duration of six months.
 - (b) In case the veteran opts for change of parent Polyclinic, then the same will be executed through the registration cmpr. He will be entitled to draw medicines for the prescribed duration.
 - (c) In case the veteran opts for treatment without change in parent Polyclinic, he will be entitled to draw medicines only for a duration of seven days at a time. All other facilities for medical treatment except non-expendable medical eqpt such as hearing aid will be entitled to him at par with those available at parent Polyclinic.
 - (d) An intimation regarding outstation member joining the Polyclinic as permanent members (opting for parent Polyclinic) will be sent to previous parent Polyclinic and RC as per format att at Appx 'A'.
 - (e) On receipt of intimation the previous parent Polyclinic will send details of non-expendable medical eqpt issued to the beneficiary to new parent Polyclinic by post.

(f) OIC Polyclinic will submit a monthly return to the RC regarding outstation members who have opted for this Polyclinic as parent Polyclinic as per format at Appx 'B'.

(g) Record of non-expendable medical eqpt issued to the member by parent Polyclinic should be available in the smart card. In case the record is not available then the same will be obtained by post from erstwhile parent Polyclinic before issuing such stores to the member.

6. Our letters under ref at para 1 (a), (b) and (c) are hereby superseded.

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