

ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS : ECHS MEMBERSHIP

1. Please refer to our following letters:-
 - (a) B/49764/AG/ECHS dt 10 Oct 2003.
 - (b) B/49701-SP/AG/ECHS/R dt 06 May 2005.
 - (c) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dt 01 Jun 2006.
 - (d) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dt 26 Mar 2007.
 - (e) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dt 05 Apr 2007.
 - (f) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dt 16 Apr 2007.

2. It is observed that ECHS membership is refused to eligible ESM for their bonafide handicapped children who are unable to earn their livelihood on the grounds that necessary endorsement of grant of family pension in the PPOs is not made.

3. It should be appreciated that a bonafide handicapped child unable to earn his livelihood is eligible for ECHS membership for life. The only mandatory requirements are:-
 - (a) Publication of Part II Orders for inclusion of birth of child in Record of Service.
 - (b) Endorsement by civil Surgeon/Appropriate Service Medical Authorities for ascertaining the disability.

4. Considering the above though an ESM may be advised to get necessary endorsement made in the PPO which is in his own interest and that of the child but it will not be a mandatory requirement for grant of ECHS membership.

5. Para 3 (e) (iii) of our ibid letter at Para 1 (c) be treated as cancelled.

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