

## **CLARIFICATION : EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. A great deal of confusion exists in the environment with respect to the effective date of membership of ECHS beneficiaries. This at times results in unnecessary hardship to members and their dependents. A large number of instances have also come to notice where in members when denied rightful medical cover have gone to courts for legal remedy.
2. In view of the above, it is clarified that the effective date of membership of all pre 01 Apr 2003 retirees will be the date endorsed on the receipt of membership application by Stn HQ/Regional Centre. As far as retirees from 01 Apr 2003 onwards are concerned they will be members of ECHS from the very next day of their retirement/discharge from the service.
3. Central Org ECHS letter No B/49764/AG/ECHS dt 05 Nov 2005 is hereby superseded.
4. The above contents may please be disseminated to all OsIC Polyclinics and ECHS staff offrs at various HQ.

Offg MD ECHS

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