

AMPLIFICATION ON ECHS MEMBERSHIP FOR RE-EMPLOYED OFFICERS

1. Refer to our letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 17 Jul 2006.
2. As per referred letter the ECHS membership of re-employed personnel is kept under suspended animation since he is authorised all medical facilities from Armed Forces Medical Services as applicable to serving personnel. This was done to ensure that no Govt employee can be member of two Govt medical schemes concurrently. Representations have been received from the re-employed personnel regarding denial of appropriate medical facilities to their dependents since dependents of Service Personnel cannot be referred to empanelled facilities particularly at Non-Military stations. They have also represented against their contribution getting locked up without any interest since they are not availing ECHS facilities during re-employment.
3. ECHS is not a stand alone Scheme. It is an extension of Armed Forces Medical Services. As per Govt policy all ECHS members are to first fully utilise Armed Forces Medical Services facilities available in the station before being referred to empanelled facilities.
4. In view of the above following fresh guidelines will apply in case of re-employed officers, both pre and post 01 Apr 03 retirees:-
 - (a) Re-employed Officer can become ECHS member.
 - (b) All members will submit an undertaking as hithertofore.
 - (c) On re-employment an ECHS member will be treated as any other serving personnel. He will exercise option for availing medical facilities by his dependents only. An individual can choose any one medical facility for self and the other for dependents. Certificate of choice duly countersigned by the Station Commander at place of posting will be forwarded to Central Organisation ECHS, concerned Regional Centre and parent Polyclinic. It will be the responsibility of ECHS members to inform all concerned about his choice.
 - (d) An individual can change his choice on posting under intimation to concerned Regional Centres, Station HQs and Parent polyclinic.
 - (e) The ECHS membership cards of re-employed personnel will not be kept in suspended animation in case the choice for dependents is for ECHS.
5. Our letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 17 Jul 2006 is hereby superseded.

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