APPLICATION FORM (ECHS-02) FOR EMPANELMENT OF EYE CARE CENTRES
INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the President of India, the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) invites applications for the purpose of Empanelment of Hospital, Diagnostic Centre, Dental Centre/Lab, Imaging Centre, Exclusive Eye Centre, Nursing Home, Hospices, Rehab Centre/Physiotherapy Centre etc. for specific treatment and diagnostic procedures of specialised nature, under the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).

Interested Hospital, Diagnostic Centre, Dental Centre/Lab, Imaging Centre, Exclusive Eye Centre, Nursing Home, Hospices, Rehab Centre/Physiotherapy Centre etc. may submit the completed application forms at the nearest Regional Centre, ECHS. The terms/conditions and requirements of empanelment for ECHS requirements are detailed in this application form.

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL INFORMATION ON
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME (ECHS)

Introduction

1. The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) was approved by the Government on 30 Dec 2002 and was launched on 01 April 2003, ECHS shall also be referred to as the “Scheme” in the text of this Brochure.

Aim

2. The aim of the Scheme is to provide quality medical care to Ex-Servicemen pensioners and their dependents for all known diseases.

ECHS Membership Cards

3. A ‘Smart card’ called “ECHS membership card” with inbuilt security features is issued to all members of the ECHS. The smart cards have the particulars of the pensioner in the front of the card and the particulars of the dependents on the reverse side. It contains a 64 Kb chip which will carry the details of the Ex-servicemen and dependents including their medical history. Production of this card is a mandatory requirement when availing medicare either at the ECHS Polyclinic or at Empanelled Hospital/Nursing Homes and Diagnostic centres. A person NOT producing his card for identification cannot be provided treatment.

4. An integrated software has been developed as a Management Information System for running the Scheme. In the first phase the information system will be networked between the ECHS Polyclinics, Station Headquarters, Regional Centre ECHS and Central Organisation ECHS.

Procedure for Availing Treatment

5. ECHS beneficiaries (An ESM or his dependants or a widow) who has enrolled into the ECHS scheme, can go to the nearest ECHS Polyclinic carrying his/her ECHS membership card. The doctors in the polyclinic will provide the required initial treatment and medicines. Should the disease require further/advanced treatment in a hospital, the patient will be referred to the nearest Service hospital/Empanelled facility.

6. At the Empanelled Hospital/Nursing Homes or Diagnostic Centre/Hospices, the ECHS member is mandatorily required to present his ECHS membership card or receipt of membership application and referral slip, before he/ she can avail treatment facilities. The ESM or his dependant does not have to clear any bills; this will be done by the ECHS.

7. Referrals except in Emergencies will always be made by ECHS Polyclinic. Empanelled Hospitals/Nursing Homes and Diagnostic centres/Hospices will forward their bills directly to the referring Polyclinic. The local/ Army/Navy/Air Force Station Commander in the town / city, under whose jurisdiction the ECHS Polyclinic is located will pay the Empanelled facility after approval of competent financial authority.

8. In Emergencies an ECHS member may be directly admitted to an Empanelled facility. However in all such cases the ECHS Polyclinic will be informed within a period of 48 hours and a formal referral done depending on the condition. Bills in such cases will be processed as above. The onus of providing the information shall be on the Empanelled Hospital/Nursing Home/Diagnostic Centre.
Organisation Structure

9. The scheme is executed through the existing command and control structure of the Armed Forces. Polyclinics are administered by concerned Armed Forces Station Headquarters in the city under supervision of respective Sub-Area/Area/Command HQs of the respective service/nearest city.

10. The Central Organisation ECHS is located at Delhi for laying down policy, planning, provisioning of funds and monitoring the scheme. There are 28 Regional Centres located across the country to ensure implementation of the scheme. The detailed addresses and location of the Central Organisation and Regional Centres located across the country is given below:

(a) Central Organisation ECHS

(i) Postal Address: Central Organisation ECHS
Thimayya Marg,
Near Gopinath Circle
Delhi Cantt - 10


(iii) Contact Telephone Number and E-mail:

(aa) Managing Director: 011-25684846 and mdechs-mod@nic.in.

(ab) Dy MD: 01125683719 and dymdechs-mod@nic.in.

(ac) Director (Operation & Coordination): 011-25684946 & dirops-mod@nic.in.

(ad) Director (Complaint & Litigation): 011-20892332 & dircomplaints-mod@nic.in.

(ae) Director (Medical): 011-25684945 and dirmedechs-mod@nic.in.

(af) Director (Stats & Automation): 011-25684645 & diritechs-mod@nic.in.

(ag) Director (Procurement & Fund Control): 011-25682392 and dirpfcechs-mod@nic.in.

(ah) Director Vigilance: 011-20892594 & dirvigilance@echs.gov.in.

(b) Regional Centres

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CHAPTER 2
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

General Instructions

1. **Collection of Application Forms.** Application form be downloaded from the website of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS). The form along with scanned copy in a CD should be submitted with an application fee of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) in favor of Regional CDA through MRO (Military Receivable Order) at any SBI Branch conducting Treasury business or the RBI under the Code Head 405/03(Misc Receipt) towards application fee. Original to be deposited at concerned Regional Centre and photocopy signed and stamped by Director, Regional Centre to be submitted with application.

2. **Categories of Cities.** As per the concentration of patients the country may be divided into 4 regions as follows:
   
   (a) The Tri city (Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali) that covers patients from entire Punjab most of Haryana, entire Jammu and Kashmir, and entire Himachal Pradesh.

   (b) Delhi & NCR where the number of beneficiaries taking treatment include a very large number of temporary / transitory ECHS beneficiaries from all over the country who prefer to take treatment in Delhi / NCR in view of the best medical facilities available here and also because of their kith & kin / acquaintances being located in Delhi/NCR.

   (c) Other metros like Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai and big cities like Bangalore, Hyderabad, and State Capitals where the patients from entire state, and neighboring areas/states come for taking treatment.

   (d) Other cities and towns.

   (e) The categories of hospitals would be general hospitals, and other centres viz., eye hospitals, dental hospitals, diagnostic centres, physiotherapy centres and prosthesis centres.

3. **Categories of Health Care Facilities.** ECHS would consider the following categories of health care facilities for empanelment :-

   (a) Hospital.

   (b) Cancer Hospitals.

   (c) Diagnostic Centre.

   (d) Dental Centre/Lab.

   (e) Imaging Centre.

   (f) Exclusive Eye Centre.

   (g) Nursing Home.

   (h) Hospices.

   (i) Rehab Centre.

   (k) Physiotherapy Centre.
Eligibility Criteria For Hospitals/Cancer Centres/Exclusive Eye Centres/Exclusive Dental Clinics/Stand Alone Dialysis Centre.

4. Hospitals/Cancer Hospitals/Exclusive Eye Centres/Exclusive Dental Centres/Stand Alone Dialysis will adhere to the following guidelines:-

(a) The Health Care Organizations must fulfill the requirements as detailed in the following paragraphs depending on the category under which the hospital/exclusive eye hospital/centre, exclusive dental clinic, cancer hospital/unit/ is seeking empanelment and submit copies of the required documents.

(b) The Health Care Organization must have been in operation for at least one year, Copy of audited balance sheet, profit and loss account for the last financial year (Main documents only - summary sheet).

(c) Copy of NABH Accreditation in case of NABH Accredited Health Care Organizations.

(d) Copy of QCI recommendation in case of Non-NABH accredited Health Care Organization.

(e) List of treatment procedures/investigations/facilities available in the applicant Health Care Organization.

(f) State registration certificate/Registration with Local bodies, wherever applicable.

(g) Compliance with all statutory requirements including that of Waste Management.

(h) Fire Clearance certificate and details of Fire safety mechanism as in place in the Health Care Organization. Exclusive Eye Centres, exclusive Dental Clinics, have to enclose a certificate regarding fire safety of their premises issued by State Fire Department.

(i) Registration under PNDT Act, if Ultrasonography facility is available.

(k) AERB approval for imaging facilities/Radiotherapy, wherever applicable.

(l) An Applicant Health Care Organization must have the capacity to submit all claims/bills in electronic format to the bill Clearing Agency and must also have dedicated equipment, software and connectivity for such electronic submission.

(m) An applicant Health Care Organization must submit the rates for all treatment procedures/investigations/facilities available with them and as charged by them.

(n) Applicant Health Care Organizations must certify that they shall charge as per existing CGHS rates. They shall also certify that in case lower rates are charged to any Government/private organization in future, they shall also charge the reduced rates from ECHS beneficiaries.

(o) Applicant Health Care Organizations must certify that they are fulfilling all special conditions that have been imposed by any authority in lieu of special concessions such as but not limited to concessional allotment of land or customs duty exemption.
(p) Applicant Hospitals, Cancer Hospital/unit must have minimum annual turnover of Rs 2.00 Crores for Metro cities and Rs 1.00 Crore for Non-Metro cities. Exclusive Eye Hospitals/Centres. Exclusive Dental Clinics, must have a minimum annual turnover of Rs 20 Lacs in Metro Cities and Rs 10 Lacs in Non-Metro Cities. Further, the business from ECHS in the last financial year will not exceed more than 50% of the total business. A certificate to this effect from the Chartered Accountant is to be given by the applicant Health Care Organization.

(q) Photo copy of PAN Card.

(r) Name and address of the bankers.

5. A minimum of 100 beds are required for multispeciality hospitals (for single speciality there is no restriction on bed strength) in all major cities to include Delhi & NCR, Tri city Chandigarh, Metro and State capitals. Screening Committee may waive off / review this stipulation on case to case basis depending on factors such as remoteness of a place, non availability of sufficient multispeciality Hospitals for consideration etc.

6. **NABH Accredited Hospitals.** The hospitals applying under this category must be accredited by **National Accreditation Board for Hospital and Health care providers (NABH)** or its equivalent such as **Joint Commission International (JCI)** / **AHCS (Australia)/International Society for Quality in Health Care (ISQua)**.

7. **Non-NABH Accredited Hospitals.** All eligible Non NABH/Non NABL new HCOs shall be inspected by QCI and they shall be consider for empanelment only after receiving recommendation from QCI. Application form alongwith QCI report to be submitted at respective Regional Centre, ECHS.

8. **CGHS Empanelled Hospitals.** Hospitals/ Eye Centres/Dental Clinics/Diagnostic Labs/Prosthesis Centres which are empanelled with CGHS are eligible to apply for ECHS empanelment. Following documents will be required to be submitted along with the application:-

   (a) Valid Office Memorandum issued by CGHS.

   (b) QCI Report as undertaken for CGHS empanelment.

   (c) Memorandum of Understanding as signed between CGHS and Hospital.

9. **Cancer Hospitals.** Cancer Hospitals/Units (NABH/Non-NABH) having all treatment facilities for cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy approved by AERB.

10. **Exclusive Eye Hospitals/Eye Centres.** Exclusive Eye Hospitals/Eye Centres (NABH/Non NABH) are eligible for ECHS empanelment. No minimum bed strength for Eye Hospitals/Eye Centres.

11. **Exclusive Dental Clinics.** Exclusive Dental clinics (NABH/Non-NABH) are eligible for ECHS empanelment. No minimum bed strength is specified. However, there shall be a minimum of 2 Dental Chairs for Dental Clinics applying for ECHS empanelment.
Eligibility Criteria for Diagnostic Laboratories/Imaging Centres.

12. ECHS would consider the following categories of Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centres for empanelment:

(a) The Diagnostic Laboratory/Imaging Centres must fulfill the Criteria as specified above and must submit the copies of the required documents.

(b) The Diagnostic Laboratory/Imaging Centre must have been in operation for at least one year. Copy of audited balance sheet, profit and loss account for the last financial year (Main documents only - summary sheet) are to be submitted.

(c) Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centres must have the capacity to submit all claims/bills in electronic format to the Bill Clearing Agency and must also have dedicated equipment, software and connectivity for such electronic submission.

(d) Copy of NABL/NABH Accreditation in case of NABL/NABH Accredited Diagnostic Laboratory/Imaging Centres.

(e) Copy of QCI recommendation in case of Non-NABH/Non-NABL Accredited Laboratories/Imaging Centres

(f) Lists of investigation facilities available with Diagnostic Lab/Imaging Centre are to be submitted.

(g) Diagnostic Lab/Imaging Centre must have been registered with State Government/Local bodies, wherever applicable.

(h) Compliance with all statutory requirements including that of Waste Management.

(i) Documents to establish that fire safety mechanism is in place issued by State Fire Department.

(k) Registration under PNDT Act, if Ultrasonography facility is available.

(l) AERB approval for imaging facilities wherever applicable.

(m) Diagnostic Lab/Imaging Centre must certify that they are fulfilling all special conditions that have been imposed by any authority in lieu of special concessions such as but not limited to concessional allotment of land or customs duty exemption.

(n) Minimum annual turnover of Diagnostic lab/imaging centre must be Rs 20 Lacs in Metro Cities and Rs 10 Lacs in Non-Metro Cities. Further, the business from ECHS in the last financial year will not exceed more than 50% of the total business. A certificate to this effect from the Chartered Accountant is to be given by the applicant Diagnostic Lab/imaging centre.

(o) Photo copy of PAN Card.

(p) Name and address of the bankers.

(q) In addition, the Imaging Centres shall meet the following criteria:

(i) MRI Centre. Must have MRI machine with magnet strength of 1.0 Tesla and above.
(ii) **CT Scan Centre.** Whole Body CT Scanner with scan cycle of less than one second (sub-second). Must have been approved by AERB.

(iii) **X-ray Centre/Dental X-ray/OPG Centre.**

   (aa) X-Ray machine must have a minimum current rating of 500 MA with image intensifier TV system.

   (ab) Portable X-ray machine must have a minimum current rating of 60 MA.

   (ac) Dental X-ray machine must have a minimum current rating of 6 MA.

   (ad) OPG X-ray machine must have a current rating of 4.5-10 MA.

   (ae) Must have been approved by AERB.

(iv) **Mammography Centre.** Standard quality mammography machine with low radiations and biopsy attachment.

(v) **USG/ Colour Doppler Centre.** It should be of high resolution Ultrasound standard and of equipment having convex, sector, linear probes of frequency ranging from 3.5 to 10 MHz. Should have minimum three probes and provision/facilities of Trans Vaginal/Trans Rectal Probes. Must have been registered under PNDT Act.

(vi) **Bone Densitometry Centre.** Must be capable of scanning 3 sites (that includes Spine) and whole body.

(vii) **Nuclear Medicine Centre.** Must have been approved by AERB/BARC.

**Instructions to Applicants**

13. Hospitals must agree to accept and abide by the terms and conditions spelt out in the Memorandum of Agreement.

**Last Date for Applying**

14. There is no cut off date prescribed for filling of empanelment applications. The application can be submitted at ECHS Regional Centre any time on a working day.

**Earnest Money Deposit**

15. All the hospitals applying for empanelment will deposit Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lac only) as EMD in the form of EMD Bank Guarantee in favour of respective Regional Centre, ECHS. The EMD is surety to sign MoA and will be refunded at the time of signing of MoA. Original Bank Guarantee to be deposited at concerned Regional Centre and photocopy signed and stamped by Director, Regional Centre to be submitted with application.
Earnest Money Refund

16. In case the application is rejected on technical grounds, Earnest Money would be refunded in full.

17. In case, the application is rejected after inspection on the grounds of submitting incorrect information, then 50% of the Earnest Money would be forfeited and the balance would be refunded in due course.

18. In case, the applicant hospital refuses to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, 50% of the Earnest Money would be forfeited. Authority to order for forfeiture of the EMD is MD, ECHS.

Submission of Application Forms

19. The application must be submitted at the following places:-

(a) **NABH Accredited Hospitals.** At respective Regional Centres, ECHS as mentioned at Para 10 (b) of Chapter-01 of the application.

(b) **CGHS Empanelled Hospital.** At respective Regional Centres, ECHS as mentioned at Para 10 (b) of Chapter-01 of the application. These hospitals must submit the copy of Office Memorandum issued by CGHS along with a copy of valid MoA and QCI report undertaken for CGHS Empanelment.

(c) **Non NABH Accredited Hospitals.** At Concerned Regional Centre after the QCI inspection has been undertaken by the Hospital.

20. Hospitals which have successfully underwent QCI inspection will submit their Application forms in one sealed envelope superscribed as 'Application for empanelment of hospital' with respective Regional Centres, ECHS.

21. All the pages of Application and Annexures (each set) shall be serially numbered and spiral binded.

22. Every page of application form and Annexures need to be signed by the authorised signatory of medical facility. The signatory must mention as to whether he is the sole proprietor or authorized agent. In case of partnerships, a copy of the partnership agreement duly attested by a notary should be furnished. Similarly, in case of authorization, appropriate legal document should be furnished.

23. As far as possible, all information should be given in the application. If a particular facility is not available, it should be entered as 'not available'; it should not be mentioned as 'not applicable'.

24. The application is liable to be ignored if the information given on eligibility criteria is not complete.
Scrutiny of Applications

25. The Director/Joint Director, Regional Centre will examine the application to determine the following:-

(a) They are complete.

(b) Whether any computational errors have been made.

(c) Whether Earnest Money Deposit and MRO has been furnished. Retain originals and attach photocopies duly authenticated by Director, Regional Centre with application.

(d) Whether the documents have been properly signed and serially numbered.

(f) Whether the application is generally in order.

(g) Check list to be filled up, signed by authorised signatory of applicant and countersigned by Director, Regional Centre.

26. Defects / shortcomings will be corrected/ authenticated on the spot and the application processed further. Specific advice would be rendered by the Director, Regional Centres for rectification of incomplete applications. If the hospital wishes to submit fresh application, the MRO of Rs 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) can be reused.

27. Applications that are found to be complete in all respects shall be forwarded to Central Organisation ECHS for consideration for empanelment.

Acceptance of Rates

28. Hospitals shall have to furnish an undertaking to ECHS accepting the rates notified by CGHS or the negotiated rates which under no circumstances will exceed the applicable CGHS rates or the rates being charged by the hospital from their normal patients who are not ECHS beneficiaries.

Screening Committee

29. The Screening Committee Meeting under the Chairmanship of MD ECHS shall examine the applications for their eligibility and subsequently will be forwarded to MoD (DoESW) for further issue of Govt Letter Note.

Memorandum of Agreement

30. The Private hospitals which are selected for empanelment after the issue Govt Letter Note will have to enter into an agreement with ECHS Regional Centre for providing services at rates notified by ECHS or lower negotiated rates. This MOA has to be executed on Rs.100/- (Rupees One hundred only) non judicial stamp paper.
Performance Bank Guarantee

31. HCO’s on signing the MoA with Regional Centre, ECHS shall furnish a Performance Bank Guarantee valid for a period of 30 months i.e. six months beyond empanelment period at the time of signing MoA with the Regional Centres to ensure efficient service and to safeguard against any default:-

(a) Empanelled Hospitals/Cancer units - Rs 10.00 Lakhs
(b) Eye Centre - Rs 2.00 Lakhs
(c) Dental Clinics - Rs 2.00 Lakhs
(d) Physiotherapy Centres - Rs 2.00 Lakhs
(e) Rehabilitative Centres and Hospices - Rs 2.00 Lakhs
(f) Diagnostic Laboratories / Imaging Centres - Rs 2.00 Lakhs

The value of PBG can be enhanced as approved by MoD. PBG for charitable hospital, will be 50% of normal rates.

32. In case of hospitals already empanelled under ECHS, on renewal of MoA they shall prepare a new Performance Bank Guarantee for the period of next 30 months. The old performance bank guarantee will be discharged after its validity is over.
CHAPTER 3

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cashless Services

1. The Hospital, Diagnostic Centre, Dental Centre/Lab, Imaging Centre, Exclusive Eye Centre, Nursing Home, Hospices, Rehab Centre/Physiotherapy Centre etc shall provide the agreed upon services to cases referred from ECHS Polyclinics on a Referral slip duly authenticated and stamped. Cashless services would be extended on credit system to referred cases for agreed upon period. The rates for tests and treatment would be charged as per approved list.

2. The Hospital will not be at liberty to revise the rate suo moto.

Treatment in Emergency

3. In grave emergency, patient shall be admitted and life & limb saving treatment be given on production of ECHS card by the members, even in the absence of referral slip. All emergencies will be treated on cashless basis till stabilization even if the speciality concerned for management of the case is not empanelled. The hospital will inform the nearest Polyclinic and BPA about the admission within 02 hrs. Payments will NOT be recovered from ECHS patient in such cases. The following ailments may be treated as an emergency which is illustrative only and not exhaustive, depending on the condition of the patient :-

(a) Acute Cardiac Conditions/Syndromes including Myocardial Infarction, Unstable Angina, Ventricular Arrhythmias, Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia, Cardiac Tamponade, Acute Left Ventricular Failure/ Severe Congestive Cardiac Failure, Accelerated Hypertension, Complete dissection of Aorta etc.

(b) Vascular Catastrophes including Acute Limb ischaemia, Rupture of aneurysms, medical and surgical shock and peripheral circulatory failure.

(c) Cerebro-Vascular Accidents including Strokes, Neurological Emergencies including Coma, Cerebro meningeal infections, convulsions, acute paralysis, acute visual loss.

(d) Acute Respiratory Emergencies including Respiratory failure and decompensated lung disease.

(e) Acute abdomen including acute obstetrical and gynecological emergencies.

(f) Life threatening Injuries including Road traffic accidents, Head Injuries, Multiple Injuries, Crush Injuries and thermal injuries etc.

(g) Acute Poisonings monkey/dogs and Snake bite.

(h) Acute endocrine emergencies including Diabetic Ketoacidosis.

(i) Heat stroke and cold injuries of life threatening nature.

(k) Acute Renal Failure.

(l) Severe infections leading to life threatening sequelae including Septicemia, disseminated/miliary tuberculosis.

(n) Dialysis treatment.

(o) Any other condition in which delay could result in loss of life or limb. In all cases of emergency, the onus of proof lies with Empanelled hospital.

**Corrupt and Fraudulent Practices**

4. “Corrupt Practice” means the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of the public official.

5. “Fraudulent Practice” means a misrepresentation of facts in order to influence empanelment process or a execution of a contract to the detriment of ECHS and includes collusive practice among hospitals/authorized representative/service providers designed to hike the bills or misguide the beneficiaries or any such practice adhered to.

6. ECHS will suspend referrals if it determines that the hospital recommended for empanelment has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices and initiate process for dis- empanelment.

**Interpretation of the Clauses in the Application Document**

7. In case of any ambiguity in the interpretation of any of the clauses in Application Document, interpretation of Central Organisation ECHS of the clauses shall be final and binding on all parties.

**Right to Accept any Application and to Reject any or All Applications**

8. ECHS reserves the right to accept or reject any application at any time without thereby incurring any liability to the affected hospital/authorized representative/ service provider or any obligation to inform the affected hospital/authorized representative/service provider of the grounds for his action.

**Monitoring and Medical Audit**

9. ECHS reserves the right to inspect the hospitals at any time to ascertain their compliance with the requirements of ECHS.

10. Bills of hospitals shall be reviewed frequently for irregularities including declaration of planned procedures/ admissions as ‘emergencies’, unjustified investigations and prolonged stay etc., and if found involved in any wrong doings, the concerned hospital would be removed from panel and black listed for future empanelment. Bank guarantee shall also be forfeited.

**Exit from the Panel**

11. The Rates fixed by the ECHS shall continue to hold good unless revised by ECHS. In case the notified rates are not acceptable to the empanelled Private Hospital, or for any other reason, the Private Hospital no longer wishes to continue on the list of empanelled Private Hospitals, it can apply for exclusion from the panel by giving three months notice and by depositing an exit fee of Rs 3000/- (Rupees Three thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of concerned Regional Centre ECHS.
Package Rates

12. Package rate as issued by CGHS/ECHS/AIIMS shall mean and include lump sum cost of inpatient treatment/ day care/diagnostic procedure for which a ECHS beneficiary has been permitted by the competent authority or for treatment under emergency from the time of admission to the time of discharge including (but not limited to) :-

(a) Registration charges.
(b) Admission charges.
(c) Accommodation charges including patients diet.
(d) Operation charges.
(e) Injection charges.
(f) Dressing charges.
(g) Doctor/Consultant visit charges.
(h) ICU/ICCU charges.
(i) Monitoring charges.
(j) Transfusion charges and blood processing charges.
(l) Pre-anesthetic check up and anesthesia charges.
(m) Operation Theatre charges.
(n) Procedure charges/Surgeon’s fee.
(o) Cost of surgical disposables and all sundries used during hospitalization.
(p) Cost of medicines and consumables.
(q) Related routine and essential investigations.
(r) Physiotherapy charges etc.
(s) Nursing Care charges etc.

13. Package rates also include to preoperative consultation and two postoperative consultation.

14. Cost of implants/stents/grafts is reimbursable in addition to package rates as per ceiling rates of CGHS for Implants/stents/graft or as per actual, whichever is lower in case there is no CGHS prescribed ceiling rate. Incase a beneficiary demands specific brand of stent / implant and gives his consent in writing, difference in cost over and above the ceiling rate may be charged from the beneficiary which is non reimbursable.

15. Treatment charges for new born baby are separately reimbursable in addition to delivery charges for mother.

16. The hospitals empanelled under ECHS shall not charge more than the package rates/lower rates negotiated in MOA whichever is lower.
17. Package rates envisage upto a maximum duration of indoor treatment as follows: -

(a) 12 days for Specialised (Super Specialities) treatment.

(b) 7 days for other Major Surgeries.

(c) 3 days for Laparoscopic surgeries/normal deliveries/elective angioplasty.

(d) 1 day for day care/minor (OPD) surgeries.

18. However, if the beneficiary has to stay in the hospital for his/her recovery for a period more that the period covered in package rate, in exceptional cases, supported by relevant medical records and certified as such by hospital, the additional reimbursement shall be limited to accommodation charges as per entitlement, investigations charges at approved rates and doctors visit charges (not more than 2 visits per day by specialists/consultants) and cost of medicines for additional stay.

19. No additional charge on account of extended period of stay shall be allowed if that extension is due to infection on the consequences of surgical procedure or due to any improper procedure and is not justified.

20. **The package rates are for semi-private ward.** If the beneficiary is entitled for general ward there will be a decrease of 10% in the rates. For private ward entitlement there will be an increase of 15%. However, the rates shall be same for investigation irrespective of entitlement, whether the patient is admitted or not and the test per se does not require admission to hospital.

21. A hospital empanelled under ECHS whose normal rates for treatment procedure/test are lower than ECHS prescribed rates shall charge as per the rates charged by them for that procedure/treatment from a non ECHS beneficiary and will furnish a certificate to the effect that the rates charged from ECHS beneficiaries are not more than the rates charged by them from non ECHS beneficiaries.

22. During In-patient treatment of the ECHS beneficiary, the hospital will not ask the beneficiary or his/her attendant to purchase separately the medicines/sundries/ equipment or accessories from outside and will provide the treatment within the package rate, fixed by the ECHS which includes the cost of all the items.

23. If one or more minor procedures form part of a major treatment procedure, then package charges would be permissible for major procedure and only at 50% of charges for minor procedure.

### Entitlement of Wards

24. ECHS beneficiaries are entitled to facilities of private, semi-private or general ward depending on their rank at the time of retirement as per GoI/MoD letter No 22D(04)/2010/WE/D(Res-I) dt 29 Dec 2017. The entitlement is as follows: -

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Indemnity

25. The empanelled HCO shall at all times, indemnify and keep indemnified ECHS/the Government against all actions, suits, claims and demands brought or made against it in respect of anything done or purported to be done by the Hospital in execution of or in connection with the services under this Agreement and against any loss or damage to ECHS/the Government in consequence to any action or suit being brought against the ECHS/the Government, alongwith (otherwise), Empanelled HCO as a Party for anything done or purported to be done in the course of the execution of this Agreement. The hospital shall at all times abide by the job safety measures and other statutory requirements prevalent in India and shall keep free and indemnify the ECHS from all demands or responsibilities arising from accidents or loss of life, the cause or result of which is the hospital negligence or misconduct.

26. The empanelled HCO shall pay all indemnities arising from such incidents without any extra cost to ECHS and shall not hold the ECHS responsible or obligated. It shall always be entirely at the cost of the hospital defending such suits.

Documents to be Submitted

27. Summary of documents to be submitted along with the application as below:-

   (a) Copy of certificate or memo of State Health Authority, if any recognizing the Hospital.

   (b) Copy of audited balance sheet, profit and loss account for the last three years (Main documents only – summary sheet).

   (c) Copy of legal status, place of registration and principal place of business of the hospital or partnership firm, etc.

   (d) A copy of partnership deed/memorandum and articles of association, if any.

   (e) Affidavit of sole proprietorship on non-judicial stamp paper if medical facility is owned by individual.

   (f) Copy of Customs duty exemption certificate and the conditions on which exemption was accorded.

   (g) Photocopy of PAN Card.

   (h) Name and address of their bankers.

   (i) Copy of the existing list of rates approved by the Hospital for various services/procedures being provided by it.

   (k) Registration Certificate under PNDT Act in case of Centres applying for Ultrasonography facility.

   (l) Copy of the license for running Blood bank.

   (m) If NABH accredited facility, Copy of certificate of NABH Accreditation with Scope duly attested by Public Notary.

   (n) If NABL accredited facility, Copy of NABL Accreditation with Scope duly attested by Public Notary.
(o) If CGHS empanelled medical facility, Copy of CGHS Office Memorandum regarding the empanelment of the HCO with CGHS, Valid MoA with CGHS and QCI Report.

(p) If Non NABH Accredited Hospital, Copy of QCI report to be submitted along with the application.

**Note**: Applications not containing the above particulars shall not be considered for empanelment.

28. **Certificate of Undertaking**: In addition a certificate given below will be rendered by the Head of the Institution and attached with the application.

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<td>4. That if any information is found to be untrue, Hospital be liable for de-recognition by ECHS. The institution will be liable to pay compensation for any financial loss caused to ECHS or physical and or mental injuries caused to its beneficiaries.</td>
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Signature  
Head of Institution/Authorized Signatory
29. **Certificate for Acceptance of Rates.** A certificate given below will also be rendered by the Head of the Institution and attached with the application: -

![CERTIFICATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RATES]

1. It is certified that ____________________________ (name of the institution / hospital) shall abide by ECHS rates promulgated from time to time and in no case shall the rates charged be in excess of those normally charged to non-ECHS members.

2. It is further certified that on approval for empanelment the hospital/institution shall negotiate and accept rates lower or equal to prevailing ECHS rates.

   Signature  
   Head of Institution/Authorized Signatory

30. Check list for documents must be filled, signed by authorised signatory of the medical facility, checked and countersigned by Director, Regional Centre where applicable be submitted with application form. Check list is enclosed as Annexure to empanelment application.
### GENERAL INFORMATION

(String and Infrastructure Specifications of the Hospitals)

1. **NABH Accreditation Status**
   - (a) Whether NABH Accredited
   - (b) Pre-accredited entry level

2. **Details of Accreditation and Validity period**
   (enclose a scanned copy of relevant Certificate)

3. **Name of the Station Headquarters / Regional Centre under whose AOR the hospital is located**
   - (a) Stn HQ
   - (b) RC

4. **Name of the Eye Care Centre**

5. **Address of the Eye Care Centre**

6. **Tele/Fax/E-mail**
   - Telephone No
   - Fax
   - E-mail/website address

7. **Details of Application Fee (MRO) and EMD (Bank Guarantee)**
   - **MRO**
   - **EMD (Bank Guarantee)**
   - **Number & Bank**
   - **Date:**

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## PART II: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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(Notes: 1. An outline diagram showing plan of Hospital/Nursing Home may be added, if available.
2. A Brochure, if available, may be included.)

2. Miscellaneous (Specify) – You may include any other pertinent details, you feel necessary.

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PART IV: FACILITIES APPLIED FOR

1. Applied for Empanelment as (Specify)
   (a) Cataract/Glaucoma
   (b) Retinal – Medical – Vitreo – retinal surgery
   (c) Strabismus
   (d) Oculoplasty & Adnexa & other specialized treatment

2. FOR IOL IMPLANT:
   Qualified ophthalmic surgeon with experience in Intra-ocular Lens implantation Surgery + training proof of PHACOEMULSIFICATION surgery
   - Name and Qualification
   - Phacoemulsifier Unit IIIrd or IVth generation) - minimum 2 with extra hand pieces
   - Flash/rapid sterilizer – one per OT
   - YAG laser for capsulotomy
   - Digital anterior segment camera
   - Specula microscope
   - All Specialist employed on regular and visiting basis must possess M.C. recognized qualification
   - Backup facilities of Vitro-retinal surgeon deal with Phaco/IOL related complications.
   - Whether beds available
     - General, Semi Private or Deluxe Room
     - Gl. Ward
     - Semi-Pvt Ward
     - Pvt Ward

3. OCULOPLASTY & ADENEXA
   Specific for Oculoplasty & Adenxa:
   Specialised Instruments and kits for:
   (a) Dacryocystorhinostomy
   (b) Eye lid Surgery e.g ptosis and Lid reconstruction Surgery
   (c) Orbital surgery
   (d) Socket reconstruction
   (e) Enucleation/evisceration
   (f) Availability of Trained proficient Oculoplasty surgeon who is trained for Oculoplastic, Lacrimal and Orbital Surgery

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### INVESTIGATIVE FACILITIES

(a) Syringing, Dacrocystography

(b) Exophthalmometry

(c) Ultrasonography – A & B Scan

(d) Imaging facilities – X-ray, CT Scan & MRI Scan

(e) Ocular pathology, Microbiology service

(f) Blood bank services

(g) Consultation facilities from related Specialties such as ENT, Neurosurgery, Haematology, Oncology

### OPERATIVE (O.T.) FACILITIES

Specialized instruments & Kits for the following surgeries should be available.

(i) Dacryo cystorhinostomy

(ii) Lid surgery including eyelid reconstruction & Ptosis correction

(iii) Orbital surgery

(iv) Socket reconstruction

(v) Enucleation & Evisceration

(vi) Orbital & Abnexal Trauma including Orbital fractures

### PERSONNEL

(i) Resident Doctor Support

(ii) Nursing care 24 hours)

(iii) Resuscitative facilities

(iv) Trained Oculoplastic surgeon who is proficient in Orbit, Oculoplasty & Lacrimal surgery

### STRABISMUS SURGERY

(a) Functional OT with Instruments needed for strabismus surgery

Yes  No

(b) Availability of set up for Pediatric Strabismus – Orthoptic room with distance fixation targets (preferably child friendly) may have TV/VCR, Less/Hess Chart

Yes  No

### GLAUCOMA

(a) Specific : Facilities for Glaucoma investigation & management.

(i) Applanation tonometry

(ii) Stereo Fundus photography/OCT/Nerve fibre Analyser

(iii) YAG Laster for Iridectomy

(iv) Automated/Goldmann fields (Perimetry)

(v) Electrodiagnostic equipments (VER, ERG, EOG)

(vi) Colour Vision – Ishihara Charts

(vii) Contrast sensitivity – Pelli Robson Charts

(viii) Pediatric Vision testing – HOTV cards

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## Recommendations of the QCI (NABH)

1. (Name of Hospital/ Nursing Home/Diagnostic Centre/Hospice) is recommended/not recommended for empanelment for Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) for service offered by the institution.

2. The Specialities of (Name of Hospital/ Nursing Home/Diagnostic Centre/Hospice) listed in the table below are recommended/not recommended for empanelment for Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).

   (Note: Mention R for Recommended and NR for Not Recommended. Strike out specialities not offered for empanelment with an X)

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**Remarks of QCI (NABH)**

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2. Director, Regional Centres ECHS to scrutinize the Check list with the application and authenticate it. Remedial action, if any, to be taken before forwarding to Central Organisation ECHS.