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All Regional Centers

ADVISORY: AUTHORISED LOCAL CHEMISTS

1. Please refer:-

- (a) Govt of India (MoD/ DoESW) letter No 22D(01)/2016/US/WE/D(Res) dated 30 Jun 2022.
- (b) CO ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicines Policy dated 06 Jul 2022.
- (c) CO ECHS letter B/49792/ALC policy/AG/ECHS dated 25 Jul 2019.
- (d) CO ECHS letter B/49762/AG/ECHS Medical Policy dated 07 Jan 2019.

2. Provision for contracting an Authorized Local Chemists (ALC) was introduced to increase the availability of medicines for the ECHS beneficiaries. The medicines which are not available in the ECHS Polyclinics can be demanded from the ALC and issued to the beneficiaries who have been prescribed the same.

3. It has been observed with concern that while on one hand there are numerous complaints about non availability of medicines and on the other the polyclinics are not utilizing the authorised ceiling limits for procurement of NA medicines from ALC. A large amount of funds authorised for ALC remained unutilized and had to be reappropriated to other heads.

4. The monetary ceiling for expenditure of polyclinics has been enhanced by 100%, vide Govt of India (MoD/ DoESW) letter No 22D(01)/2016/US/WE/D(Res) dated 30 Jun 2022 as follows: -

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| (a) | Type A & B Polyclinic | - | Rs 5 Lakh per month. |
| (b) | Type C Polyclinic | - | Rs 3 Lakh per month. |
| (c) | Type D Polyclinic | - | Rs 2 Lakh per month. |

5. In order to ensure optimal utilization of ALC funds, an achieve increased satisfaction levels, following measures are suggested :-

(a) The polyclinics will endeavour to demand all NA medicines which are NA and not be selective in demanding the medicines from ALC. The laid down instructions for issue of vitamins and supplements will be adhered to. Every effort should be made to demand maximum medicine from the ALC. NA should only be an exception.

(b) Medicines procured from ALC should be issued to the beneficiaries for one month duration instead of 15 days. For those patients who have to travel long distances, residents of hilly and remote areas, bed ridden patients and patients above 80 years old, medicines for 90 days can also be given through ALC.

(c) Jan Aushadhi Stores are considered deemed empanelled. MoU should be executed with them. Medicines can be purchased from and should be used to the maximum as ALC.

6. If the monetary ceiling limit of a polyclinic for procurement of drugs & consumables from ALC needs to be increased, approval will be accorded by MD ECHS. Stn HQ can approach Dir(P&FC) at CO ECHS for increase in the monetary ceiling for expenditure as per format given in Appx A of B/49792/ALC policy/AG/ECHS dated 25 Jul 2019. The request to increase of ceiling is to be fwd to through email on dirpfcechs-mod@nic.in.

8. This has the approval of MD ECHS.



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For MD ECHS

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