

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Health V Branch)

Dated, Chandigarh the 7th/14th May, 1985

To

(1) All Heads of Departments,
Commissioners of Divisions,
Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Divisional Officer
(a) Civil Surgeons and Principals of
Medical Colleges in the State.

(2) Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court,
Chandigarh.

Subject:—Reimbursement of Medical Claims/grant of fixed Medical Allowance to Punjab Government employees, pensioners and their entitled dependants.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to Punjab Government circular letters No. 9220-511BI-78/22699 dated 28th June, 1978, No. 4330-511BV-81/18453 dated 10th November, 1981 and No. 3789-511BV-82/14593, dated 17th September, 1982,—vide which facility of fixed Medical allowance was granted to Punjab Government Employees/Pensioners (including retired members of All India Services and retired Judges of the Punjab & Haryana High Court) and their entitled dependants. Certain Punjab Government Departments have sought clarification as to what would be position, in case where both husband and wife are either State Government employees or working under the different Governments Semi-Governments Departments, Government Under-takings, Public undertakings and Corporations etc. The State Government have given due thought to the points raised by the various Departments and clarify as under—

- (i) When both husband/wife are working under the State Government they both are entitled for fixed Medical Allowance being not dependant on each other with entitlement of free treatment/reimbursement of Medical charges as indoor patients.
- (ii) When one of them is serving under the State Government and other is serving under the other State/Central Government Organisation, Public Undertaking etc. they both are entitled for fixed Medical Allowance according to the Rules/instructions of their respective Government/undertakings, not being dependant on each other.
- (iii) When husband is drawing fixed medical allowance under the State Government it is open to the wife to claim open re-imbursment only for herself, but cannot claim reimbursement in respect of other entitled dependants because of the fact that the husband is claiming fixed Medical allowance.
- (iv) when wife is claiming fixed medical allowance it is open to husband to claim open reimbursement for himself and for his entitled dependants ;
- (v) when the pensioners is claiming fixed medical allowance he cannot claim open reimbursement for himself/herself and for his entitled dependants with entitlement of Free treatment/reimbursement of medical charges as indoor patient for himself and for his entitled dependants ;
- (vi) Option for fixed medical allowance, once exercised, will be final and irrecoverable and it cannot be withdrawn/changed at any state.

2. This issue with the concurrence of Finance Department conveyed,—vide their U.O. No. 4826-6FD(1)-87, dated 13th March, 1984 and U.O. No. 1268-6FD(1)35, dated 16th April, 1985.

Yours faithfully,

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