

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(HEALTH-5 BRANCH)

To

All the Heads of Departments,
Registrar, Punjab & Haryana High Court,
Commissioners of Divisions, District &
Session Judges, Deputy Commissioners,
Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) in the
State and Principals of Medical,
Dental Colleges and All the Civil Surgeons.

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Dated, Chandigarh the 13th February, 1995.

Subject.—Punjab Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1919—Reimbursement facilities to Punjab Government employees and Pensioners.

Sir,

The question of revising some of the facilities to Punjab Government employees/pensioners, has been engaging the attention of the State Government and consequently following decisions have been taken :—

1. Treatment at AIIMS, New Delhi, in Private Hospitals and treatment Abroad :

As per instructions issued,—vide Punjab Government letter No. 7/7/85-5111V/2498, dated the 25th January, 1991 the policy regarding reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on medical treatment taken abroad and in hospitals other than the hospitals of the Government of Punjab (both outside and inside the State of Punjab) was laid down. The Government has reviewed the decisions taken in the above said letter and it has now been decided as under :—

(a) Treatment at AIIMS.—District Civil Surgeons shall be competent to permit treatment of a particular disease at AIIMS, New Delhi on the basis of recommendations of the District Level Standing Medical Board provided the treatment is not available in the Government Hospitals of the State.

The expenditure on reimbursable items on such a treatment in AIIMS, New Delhi, shall be reimbursed to Government employees/pensioners. The composition of the District Level Medical Board shall be as under :—

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| (1) Civil Surgeon | .. Chairman |
| (2) Assistant Civil Surgeon | .. Member |
| (3) Two specialists of the concerned speciality | .. Members |

For the purpose of Punjab Government employees posted at Chandigarh and pensioners residing here at Chandigarh the composition of the District level Medical Board shall be as under :—

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| (1) Officer Incharge of the concerned branch of the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab | .. Chairman |
| (2) Senior Medical Officer, Incharge Civil Hospital, Mohali | .. Member |
| (3) Two specialists of the concerned specialists from Civil Hospital, Mohali | .. Members |

This Board shall meet in the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab on the second Monday of each month and in case of holiday the Board will sit on the next working day.

(b) Treatment in Private Hospitals in the Country.—It has been decided that employees and pensioners should be given freedom to get treatment in any private institute/hospital (of their own choice), in the country provided that he/she gives an undertaking out of his/her free will and in unambiguous terms that he/she will accept reimbursement of expenses incurred by him/her on his/her treatment to the level of expenditure as per rates fixed by the Director, Health and Family Welfare,

Punjab for a similar treatment package or actual expenditure whichever is less. The rate of for a particular treatment would be included in the advice issued by the District/State Medical Board. A Committee of technical experts shall be constituted by the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab to finalize the rates of various treatment packages and the same rate list shall be made available in the offices of the Civil Surgeons of the State.

However, this permission would be granted by the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab on the advice of State Medical Board in case of the treatment in private hospitals outside the State and the District Medical Board in case of treatment in private hospitals within the State.

(c) Treatment Abroad.—The treatment of a disease in a country abroad would be permitted in extremely rare cases where satisfactory treatment is not available in the country. Such treatment and follow up should be recommended by the STATE MEDICAL BOARD. Prior approval of the State Medical Board shall be prerequisite in such cases. All efforts should be made by the concerned employee/pensioner to take prior approval of the State Medical Board.

The composition of the State Medical Board for all purposes, will be as follows.

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| (1) Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab | .. Chairman |
| (2) Specialist of the desired line of treatment from P. G. I., Chandigarh | .. Member |
| (3) Senior most Specialist from State Medical Colleges | .. Member |
| (4) Deputy Director/Assistant Director, Incharge of P. M. H. Branches O/o Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab | .. Member |

(Note.—But in case if a specialist of the concerned line from P. G. I., Chandigarh is not available, there should be Specialists from two [of the [State Medical Colleges instead of only one).

The State Medical Board as well as District Medical Board shall meet on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month so that the applicants for treatment are not harassed and do not have to wait indefinitely. In case this day happens to be a holiday, the Board will meet on the next working day. All requests/applications would be considered by the Standing Medical Board which would be received by 10th of previous month. The other terms and conditions contained in letter No. 7/7/85-5HB-5/2498, dated the 25th January, 1991 will remain unchanged.

2. Reimbursement of expenses incurred on disposable items used during treatment as Inpatient :

It has been decided to allow reimbursement of expenses incurred on disposable items connected with inpatient treatment of any ailment. The cases already decided will not be reopened.

3. Reimbursement of Tests got done from Private Hospitals/Organisations :

The reimbursement of any test/treatment got done from private hospitals/organisations for which facilities are not available in Government Hospitals/P.G.I. will be made on the specific recommendations of the District Level Medical Board as per rates fixed by Director, Health and Family Welfare.

4. Reimbursement of Medical Expenses for outpatient Treatment of Chronic Diseases:

As per instructions contained in Punjab Government letter No. 10/12/90-88-511B-5/66 dated 1st January, 1991 the authorised Medical Attendant in allopathy is competent to issue chronic disease certificate. Now, it has been decided that a specialist in the desired line of treatment would be competent to issue a certificate of chronic disease for first three months only.

Thereafter, the certificate will be issued by the District Medical Board which will be valid for a maximum of three years. Afterwards, the applicant will have to get himself/herself re-examined from the District Medical Board every three years. The Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab will prepare a revised list of chronic diseases, in this regard.

5. This issues with the concurrence of the Department of Finance conveyed,— vide L.D. No. 81142/91-51, E-2/8068, dated 2nd December, 1991.

Yours faithfully,

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All the Principal Secretaries, Financial Commissioners and Administrative Secretaries to Government of Punjab.

I.D. No. 12/193/94-511B-5/5252, dated Chandigarh, the 13th February, 1995.

Endt. No. 12/193/94-511B-5/5253, dated Chandigarh, the 13th February, 1995.

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:—

- (1) Secretary, Finance, Chandigarh Administration.
- (2) The Accountant-General, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- (3) Chairman, Fourth Punjab Pay Commission.
- (4) Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, and the Director, Research and Medical Education, Punjab.

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A copy is forwarded to the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Finance for information w.r.t. to his I.D. No. 8/142/93-5 F.E.-2/8063, dated 2nd December, 1994.

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To

The Secretary to Government, Punjab, Department of Finance.

I.D. No. 12/193/94-511B-5/5254, dated Chandigarh the 13th February, 1995.