

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

Abstract

Chief Secretariat [Health] – National Illness Assistance Fund - Grant of financial assistance to the Economically Weaker Section Families of Puducherry Region under the Pondicherry Medical Relief Society for poor [PMRS], Puducherry – Guidelines - Notified.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT [HEALTH]

G.O.Ms.No. 56

Puducherry, dated 06.08.2015

- READ: 1. G.O.Ms.No.52, dated 15.09.1998 of the Health and Welfare Department [Health], Government of Puducherry.
2. I.D.No.41721/DHFWS/C5/2014-15/Insu/PDY, dated 03.10.2014 of the Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry

ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in the Extraordinary Official Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

The Pondicherry Medical Relief Society for the poor was constituted under the guidelines of Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi extending the scheme of National Illness Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to the patients living below poverty line, in the Union territory of Puducherry, suffering from life threatening disorders and diseases, for treatment of major ailments at any one of the Super Speciality Hospital / Institutes or other Government / Private Hospitals as approved by the Government which is being implemented vide Notification in G.O.Ms.No:52 dated 15.09.98 of the Health and Welfare Department [Health], Puducherry.

2. Now, therefore, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify the guidelines for providing financial assistance to the patients belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections of Puducherry Region who are suffering from life threatening disorders and diseases, for treatment of major ailments at any one of the Super Speciality Hospital / Institutes or other Government / Private Hospitals as approved by the Government. The fund is managed by the Pondicherry Medical Relief Society for poor [PMRS], Puducherry.

3. Guidelines:-

3.1 Object of the Scheme:

The scheme aims to benefit the patients belonging to the economically weaker sections of Puducherry region who have been incurring heavy medical expenditure on super speciality treatment of diseases such as cancer, leukemia, kidney / organ transplantation, trauma cases with multiple fractures, cardiac diseases involving implantation of more than one stent, etc.

3.2 Eligibility:

It is applicable to economically weaker sections with annual income not exceeding the amount as fixed by the Government of Puducherry from time to time. The annual income certificate issued by the concerned Tahsildar / Deputy Tahsildar may be accepted.

3.3 Any person shall be assisted once in a financial year and repeat assistance for the same ailment shall not be allowed in any case.

4. Quantum of assistance :-

4.1 The maximum limit of financial assistance for treatment undertaken in the referral hospitals will be ₹.1,50,000/- [Rupees one lakh fifty thousand] for the period upto 30.09.2014 and thereafter the maximum limit of assistance will be enhanced from ₹.1,50,000 [Rupees one lakh fifty thousand] to ₹.2,00,000 [Rupees Two lakhs only] and shall come into force with effect from 01.10.2014 onwards. This is however subject to the CGHS rates Chennai communicated by the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with a ceiling of ₹.2,00,000/- [Rupees Two lakhs only] as financial assistance under this scheme.

4.2. Advance amount for taking treatment shall be given at 75% of the ceiling cost as mentioned above or as per the Estimate whichever is less. The advance amount shall be payable directly to the hospitals concerned and shall not be given to the applicant. Wherever the applicant has settled the accounts by paying the balance amount of the advance shall be reimbursed upto the maximum level preferred, subject to verification of the Hospital In-patient Bill with break up and the Discharge Summary.

4.3 Procedures to be adopted:-

4.3.1 Application Form:

The claimant shall submit an application in the prescribed format with the following supporting documents:

- [a]. Application duly filled in and signed.
- [b]. NOC from the IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry.
- [c]. Residence Certificate as per Government norms.
- [d]. Income Ceiling is ₹.75,000/- per annum as prescribed by the Government for Economically Weaker Section family.
- [e]. Copy of Aadhar Card.
- [f]. Photocopy of Bank Pass Book with IFS Code.
- [g]. In-Patient Bills –Original.
- [h]. Photocopies of the Discharge Summary.

4.3.2 The application should duly be submitted to the office of the Pondicherry Medical Relief Society. The entire applications shall be scrutinized and put up in a consolidated manner and sent to the Chairman for approval through Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary [Health] cum Vice Chairman [PMRS].

4.3.3 The Medical Superintendent, IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry and Medical Superintendent, Rajiv Gandhi Govt. Women & Children Hospital shall be the referral authorities who would examine and recommend cases to private referral hospitals by giving a referral letter which would give cashless treatment.

4.3.4 In case of any information furnished by the applicant turns to be false or any materials have been suppressed, the entire amount paid shall be recovered under the Revenue Recovery Act.

5. Processing of application :-

In Puducherry region, the applications submitted shall be processed through a Screening Committee consisting of,-

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| Director [Health] | ... | Member |
| Specialist, IGGGH&PGI | ... | Member |
| Medical Superintendent, IGGGH&PGI | ... | Member |
| Senior Accounts Officer | ... | Member Secretary |

6. Empanelled Hospital :-

6.1 The Director of Health & Family Welfare Services , Puducherry is empowered to empanel any hospital from time to time as referral hospital under this scheme for Puducherry region taking into consideration the Tertiary Care facility provided by such of the hospitals to be considered as empanelled Hospital, which would give Cashless treatment to the patients so referred. An MOU shall be entered into between the Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry and the empanelled hospitals.

6.2 The Medical Superintendent, IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry and Medical Superintendent, RGGW&CH in consultation with the Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry shall draw a border line indicating which are the facilities shall be undertaken in IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry and those which are to be referred to the higher institutions. In case of any doubt in the matter of referral to higher institutions, the Medical Superintendent, IGGGH&PGI, Puducherry and the Medical Superintendent, RGGW&CH shall get the opinion of the Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry.

6.3 The Director of Health and Family Welfare Services shall display publicly through print and electronic media ,the list of empanelled hospitals.

7. Maintenance of Accounts :-

7.1 A saving bank account is already in operation with Indian Overseas Bank, Nehru Street, Puducherry jointly operated by the Director [Health] and the Senior Accounts Officer. Funds shall be disbursed through cheques duly signed both by the Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry and the Senior Accounts Officer to the Hospitals concerned and by electronic cash transfer to the savings bank account of the patients concerned. No cash payment to the individuals shall be made as per the CVC guidelines.

7.2 Cash book shall be maintained as per the double entry system and simultaneously entered electronically also and be closed daily and monthly for auditing. A monthly account showing the allotment and expenditure incurred shall be prepared and submitted to the Director for scrutiny. Annual accounts shall be drawn and audited by a Chartered Accountant and furnished an Utilization Certificate to the Government.

7.3 Annual budget should be prepared to seek required funds for payment of remuneration to the employees and for making payment to the deceased persons. These accounts are liable for inspection both by the Directorate of Health & Family Welfare Services and by the AG's Office.

Agreement:-

A Memorandum of Understanding shall be entered into between the Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry and the empanelled hospitals.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their **I.D.No. 3427/F2/A3/2015, dated 03.03.2015.**

//BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR//


[V.JEEVA]

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT.[HEALTH]

To

The Director of Stationery & Printing,
Puducherry.

..... With a request to publish the said notification in the next issue of Extraordinary Official Gazette and to supply 25 copies thereof to this department for reference and record

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1. All Members of the Society
2. The Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry,
3. The Finance Department, Puducherry.
4. The Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry.
5. The Central Records Branch, Puducherry.
6. G.O. File/Stock File.