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Department of Health & Family Welfare
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New Delhi 110 108

No. H 11013/2/2013-CGHS (P)

Dated: the 19th March, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Extension of CGHS facilities to the dependent family members of accredited Journalist eligible for CGHS- reg

Government of India extends CGHS facilities to media persons/journalists accredited with PIB. However, since November 2009, while accredited Journalists were allowed to be CGHS beneficiaries, no new dependent family members were extended the CGHS facility. Consequently, it has been observed that this has caused hardships to those dependent family members who have been excluded from the CGHS coverage.

2. Accordingly, with a view to alleviate the hardship, the undersigned is directed to say that this Ministry has decided, with the approval of the competent authority, to extend the CGHS facilities also to the eligible dependent family members of the Journalists accredited with PIB. They will be eligible only for those facilities which are available to the accredited Journalists.

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D.O. No. H 11013/2/2013-CGHS (P)

Dated: the 25th March, 2013

Dear

Please refer to your D.O letter No. PDG/PIB/2012/9028 dated 30th January, 2013, regarding clarifications on CGHS facilities in respect of PIB accredited media persons.

2. In this connection, clarifications on the queries raised are as under Point wise:-
- 1) Yes, Journalists can obtain OPD consultation from any Govt. Hospital and medicines are to be procured through concerned CGHS Wellness Centre.
 - 2) Under CGHS, OPD treatment is not permitted in private empanelled hospitals. For indoor treatment, Journalists can obtain treatment at any of the empanelled hospitals on the basis of CGHS card issued and empanelled hospitals are to charge at CGHS rates for the facilities for which they are empanelled. However, Journalists are not entitled for any credit facility or reimbursement.
 - 3) The necessity of permission letter for investigations is done away with and CGHS beneficiaries can get investigations done at empanelled diagnostic labs on the basis of advice of CGHS doctors/Govt. specialists. Ministry has already issued orders in this regard on 1.1.2013 (copy enclosed). However, Journalists will have to pay for the investigations and no reimbursement is permitted.
 - 4) Journalists can go to any hospital of his/her choice, provided the hospital is empanelled for the treatment facilities sought to be undertaken. However, Journalists will have to pay for the investigations and no reimbursement is permitted.
 - 5) Yes, Journalists can go to any empanelled hospital in emergency. However, there is no provision for any credit facility or reimbursement of the expenditure incurred.

With regards,

Encl: 'as above'

Yours sincerely,

(S. Brindha)

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