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ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS FOR ECHS
(PARENTS & CHILDREN)

1. References:

   (c) Our letter No B/49764/AG/ECHS/R dated 15 Feb 2005.
   (e) Our letter No B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 01 Jun 2006.
   (h) Our letter No B/49701-PRI/AG/ECHS dated 04 Feb 2009.

2. Eligibility of dependents has been clarified vide letters issued by this HQ from time to time as given at Para 1 above. It is reiterated that the following may be included as dependents of ECHS members:

   (a) Spouse for life.
   (b) Parents if their combined income is less than Rs. 3500/- pm.
   (c) Sons below 25 yrs of age and earning less than Rs. 3500/- pm.
   (d) Daughters if unmarried and earning less than Rs. 3500/- pm.
   (e) Special children for life.

3. It has been reported that ineligible dependents are also being shown as dependents by ECHS members. This is leading to overburdening of the scheme, wastage of resources and denial/delay of treatment to genuine beneficiaries. In the near future the country is going to have a Unique Identification Number for every citizen. This step would pave way for linking up of various data bases. Once that is implemented, it will be very difficult for anyone to hide his/her income or status. All personnel would therefore need to be educated to have only eligible dependants as ECHS beneficiaries. Defaulters will invite disciplinary action including termination of membership.
4. It has been reiterated many times that Part II orders are a must as a proof of authenticity of dependents. There is a provision for publication of Part II orders for dependents while in service. All ranks must be educated to get part II orders for dependents published while in service. In case required, NE Part II order can also be published after retirement. However, acceptance of such part II orders would be based on common logic. For example, while a Jawan who retires young may have an issue post retirement, it would not be understandable if parents were not dependent during service and casualty in this regard is requested post retirement, etc.

5. The authority for publishing status of dependants is the Record Office of the individual. Affidavits in the absence of proof from Record Offices will not be accepted. Record Offices/Stn HQ/Regional Centres processing application will ensure that the above is complied with in letter and spirit and authenticity of dependents is examined in detail.

6. In the near future all ECHS beneficiaries will be issued individual ECHS cards. This will enable easy iden of all ECHS beneficiaries. Cards of ineligible beneficiaries will be easier to be confiscated/deactivated without causing any inconvenience to eligible beneficiaries.

7. The responsibility for verification of dependents is that of Stn HQ issuing/processing the ECHS cards. A concerted effort is required to be made with the assistance of fmn HQ and Advisory Committees of Polyclinics to weedout unauthorized users of ECHS facilities. HQ Comds are requested to issue necessary directions to all concerned within their respective AsOR.

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