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B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 15 Jan 2026

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ADVISORY: PROVISION OF CANCER MEDICINES IN ECHS

1. Please refer the following:-

1.1. Para 3 of Annexure II of CO ECHS letter No B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 05 December 2025 (copy attached).

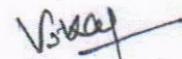
1.2. CO ECHS letter No B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 10 Nov 2025 (copy attached).

2. It is observed that private emp hospitals are not providing anticancer medications for eligible beneficiaries due to lack of clarity on the subject matter in view of the recent revision as per Para 1.1 above.

3. As an interim measure Appx'A' of NA Certificate (as per letter ref mentioned at Para 1.2 above) obtained from SEMO for anticancer drugs will be valid for OPD as well as IPD treatment which will be submitted to emp hospital to begin/continue cancer treatment. This should be endorsed as authority to ensure continuity of treatment and submitted alongwith GST purchase invoice by the emp hospital to claim reimbursement.

4. Detailed guidelines will be issued subsequently.

5. This has approval of MD, ECHS.



(Vikas Yadav)

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for MD ECHS

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IMPLEMENTATION OF NEWLY REVISED CGHS RATES FOR ECHS EMPANELLED HEALTHCARE ORGANISATION

1. Refer Govt of India, Ministry of Defence, DoESW F.No.22 (16)/2025-D(WE)/Res-I dt 05 December 2025 (Copy attached).
2. The newly revised CGHS rates shall be implemented wef 15 December 2025 and the following actions shall be required by Regional Centres as per Para 4 (Renewal of MoA with EmpANELLED Hospitals) of GoI letter under ref:-
 - 2.1 All existing Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs) executed with private empanelled hospitals shall cease to be valid with effect from 15 December 2025, 12 AM.
 - 2.2 All Health Care Organisations (HCOs) are required to seek renewal of empanelment through the online Hospital Empanelment Module.
 - 2.3 The revised MoA must be executed afresh within 90 days from the date of implementation of the revised rates.
 - 2.4 In order to continue to avail the benefit of the revised rate, each HCO shall be required to submit an undertaking before 15 December 2025, confirming its acceptance of the terms and conditions (Copy of Certificate for Undertaking from HCOs is attached).
 - 2.5 In case, the HCO fails to submit the undertaking, it shall be deemed to be de-panelled.

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3. This is for your information and urgent needful action as per Para 2 above.


(Anil Kumar Gupta)
Colonel
Director (Medical)
for MD ECHS

Encls: As above.

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F.No.22(16)/2025-D(WE)/Res-I
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

Room No 218, B-Wing
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 05th December, 2025

To,

The Managing Director
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Subject: Revised CGHS rates applicable for treatment at Healthcare Organisations of ECHS

In reference to subject above, and in supersession of all previous memoranda on the subject, the revised CGHS package rates as notified by MoH&FW vide OM No 5-16/CGHS(HQ)/HEC/2024(Part I) dated 03.10.2025 are hereby notified for ECHS.

1. Implementation of Revised CGHS rates for ECHS

These rates will be effective from 15.12.2025 and shall apply to:

- a) All healthcare services availed at ECHS empaneled Healthcare Organisations (HCOs).
- b) Medical Reimbursement Claims of individuals (in r/o Service pensioners and eligible ECHS beneficiaries).
- c) ECHS cashless treatment shall be extended to Service Pensioners and other eligible ECHS beneficiaries as per extant rules.

The revised rates as per **Annexure-I** are for the semiprivate ward entitlement and are also available on the ECHS website: <https://echs.gov.in>.

In exceptional circumstances, where treatment has been availed from any non-empaneled private HCOs, reimbursement may be considered as per extant instructions, but the rate would be restricted to Non-NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospital for Healthcare Providers) rates of the concerned city.



2. Structure of Differential Rates

Revised rates have been rationalised based on accreditation status, hospital type, city classification and ward entitlement:

- a) Non-NABH and Non-NABL HCOs: 15% lower than NABH/NABL accredited HCOs. (NABL – National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration of Laboratories)
- b) Rates for super speciality hospitals shall be 15% higher than those applicable to NABH-accredited hospitals for the corresponding Super specialities within the same city category.
- c) HCO located in Y (Tier II) cities and Z (Tier III) cities rates shall be 10% and 20% respectively lower than those located in X (Tier I) Cities. Y (Tier II) rates also apply to the HCO located in North-East region and Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- d) The new package rates mentioned in are for semi-private ward. For general ward there will be a decrease of 5% in the rates, and for the private ward entitlement, there will be an increase of 5% on the applicable admissible claim amount.
- e) Rates for consultations, radiotherapy, investigations, day care procedures, and minor procedures not requiring admission shall remain uniform, irrespective of the ward entitlement.
- f) For cancer surgeries, existing CGHS rules and rates continue in ECHS. However, revised rates apply to chemotherapy, investigations and radiotherapy.

3. Supporting Guidelines and Definitions

Key definitions and guidelines are provided in **Annexures II–VII**, including:

- a) CGHS Package Rate structure and inclusions.
- b) Description of Ward Categories.
- c) ICU and Nursing Care Charges.
- d) Equipment Charges.
- e) Admissible vs. Non-Admissible Items.
- f) Definition and Criteria for Super Speciality Hospitals.
- g) Relevant Office Memoranda issued by Govt of India, MoD/DoESW and Orders issued by Central Organization ECHS.

4. Renewal of MoA with Empanelled Hospitals

- a) All existing Memoranda of Agreement (MoAs) executed with private empanelled hospitals shall cease to be valid with effect from 15.12.2025 12 AM.
- b) All Health Care Organisations (HCOs) are required to seek renewal of



- b) All Health Care Organisations (HCOs) are required to seek renewal of empanelment through the online Hospital Empanelment Module.
- c) The revised MoAs must be executed afresh within 90 days from the date of implementation of the revised rates.
- d) However, in order to continue to avail the benefit of the revised rate, each HCO shall be required to submit an undertaking before 15.12.2025, confirming its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the revised MoA.
- e) In case, the HCO fails to submit the undertaking shall be deemed to be de-panelled.

The above OM is issued in supersession of OM of even number dated 29th November, 2025.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: Annexure I to VII



(M.K. Rai)

Deputy Secretary (WE)

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Definition of Package Rates and inclusions**1. Definition of CGHS Package Rate**

The CGHS **Package Rate** shall be construed as an all-inclusive lump sum cost, applicable from the time of admission to the time of discharge, encompassing the entire treatment cycle of an inpatient/day care/diagnostic procedure for which the ECHS beneficiary has been permitted treatment—either through prior approval or in emergency cases. The package rate includes but is not limited to the following:

- II. Accommodation charges including patient's diet
- III. Admission charges
- IV. Anaesthesia charges
- V. Cost of medicines and consumables/disposables
- VI. Cost of surgical disposables and all sundries used during hospitalization
- VII. Doctor/consultant visit charges
- VIII. Dressing charges
- IX. ICU/ICCU charges
- X. Injection charges
- XI. Monitoring charges
- XII. Nursing care charges
- XIII. O2 charges, Ventilator charges as routinely required, if any etc.
- XIV. Operation charges
- XV. Operation theatre charges
- XVI. Physiotherapy charges etc.
- XVII. Procedural charges/surgeon's fee
- XVIII. Registration charges
- XIX. Related routine and essential investigations during the admission of patient
- XX. Transfusion charges and Blood processing charges
- XXI. Equipment Charges including flowtron, Infusion pump, syringe pump etc.

- Uniformity of Rates for In-House and Outsourced Services - The CGHS package rates shall apply uniformly, irrespective of whether the services (diagnostic, laboratory, imaging, physiotherapy, or any clinical service) are provided in-house by the hospital or outsourced to an external service provider. Hospitals shall not charge or seek reimbursement beyond the prescribed package rate under the pretext of outsourced service provision. No differential pricing shall be applied for outsourced services.
- Package rates envisage up to a maximum duration of indoor treatment as follows:
 - Up to 12 days for Specialized (Super Specialties) treatment
 - Up to 7 days for other Major Surgeries
 - Up to 3 days for/ Laparoscopic surgeries / elective Angioplasty / normal deliveries and
 - 1 day for day care / Minor (OPD) surgeries.

2. Ward Entitlement Adjustment

- The prescribed package rates are based on semi-private ward entitlement.
- A 5% decrease shall apply for beneficiaries entitled to general ward.
- A 5% increase shall apply for beneficiaries entitled to private ward.
- Investigations and radiotherapy rates shall remain uniform regardless of ward entitlement or admission status, unless the test necessitates hospital admission.

3. Chemotherapy Charges

- The package rate for chemotherapy includes procedural charges only.
- Room rent, investigations, and anti-cancer medicines are reimbursable in addition to the procedural charges.
- ECHS will provide anti-cancer medicines whenever feasible. If not provided, the HCO shall provide the medicine and submit the GST purchase invoice from external vendor, similar to implant protocols.

4. Implants and Consumables

- Implants such as lenses, stents, meshes, and valves are reimbursable in addition to the package rates as per CGHS ceiling rates.
- Unlisted implants will be reimbursed based on the actual invoice or as per NPPA (National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority) rates whichever is less.
- All consumables and medicines, including guidewires and catheters, are deemed inclusive in the package rate.
- Drug-eluting balloon used in lieu of a stent is payable as per NPPA rates or actual invoice whichever is less.

5. Unlisted Procedures and Investigations

- The current guidelines for Unlisted Procedures and Investigations shall continue. These procedures shall be reviewed periodically.

6. Multiple Surgical Procedures in One OT Session

- When multiple surgeries are performed in a single operative session:
 - The primary procedure (with the highest package rate) shall be reimbursed at 100%.
 - The second procedure shall be reimbursed at 50% of its package rate.
 - The third and subsequent procedures shall be reimbursed at 25% of their respective package rates.

- If identical surgeries are performed at different anatomical sites (e.g., bilateral cataract or bilateral knee replacement), the second procedure will be reimbursed at 50%.
- Any procedure within the package period of an earlier procedure shall be reimbursed at 75% of the applicable package rate.
- Individual steps of a procedure must not be itemized or charged separately. All integral steps are deemed included within the package. The package must fully cover the scope of the procedure as per standard clinical protocols.

7. Consultation

S. No.	Type of Consultation	Payable Fee (₹)	Key Conditions / Notes
1	OPD – Specialist	₹350	Includes emergency/casualty consultations
2	OPD – Super Specialist (DM/MCh)	₹700	Applies uniformly to all empanelled hospitals (multi/super specialty); in-house or visiting
3	OPD – Psychiatry (All hospitals)	₹700	Enhanced fixed rate for all psychiatric consultations
4	Indoor (IPD) Consultation – Specialist / Super Specialist	₹350	Flat rate for all indoor consultations regardless of specialty level
7	Eye Consultations	₹350	Fee includes: Refraction, Tonometry and Fundus examination

- The consultation fee is inclusive of the cost of examination consumables such as paper gloves, unsterile gloves, or examination gloves, if used during the examination of the patient.
- **Each consultation will be considered valid for a period of 7 days, provided it pertains to the same specialty.**

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ADDENDUM TO IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIVES OF ECHS COMMON DRUG LIST (ECDL-2024) AND POLICY ON NON AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE (NAC) FOR NON CDL DRUG

1. Please refer the following:-

1.1. Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 31 Jul 2024 on the subject "Implementation Directives of ECHS Common Drug List (ECDL-2024) (Copy attached).

1.2. Central Organisation ECHS letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy/2024 dated 12 Nov 2024 on the subject "Policy on Non Availability Certificate (NAC) for Non Drug Drugs" (Copy attached).

2. It is intimated that, the primary responsibility for provisioning of medicines and consumables rests with SEMO/SEDOs, who will continue to be the main source of centralized medicine supply.

3. As per Para 4 of the letter reference mentioned at Para 1.1.1 above, the ECHS Common Drug List (CDL) is dynamic in nature. New medicines may be added based on SEMO recommendations, subject to approval by Central Organisation ECHS. Furthermore, SEMOs are also authorised to procure anti-cancer and other vital life saving medicines even if they are not included in the ECDL.

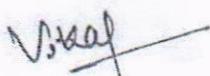
4. SEMOs may exercise their emergency powers to procure these medicine on a patient specific and non bulk basis, limited to the required treatment duration. Polyclinics may forward requests for inclusion of such medicines in the ECDL with SEMOs recommendation. This process is applicable only to anti cancer and other life saving vital and essential drugs.

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5. Any medicine deemed critical for a patient but not available in the ECDL may be sanctioned by Central Organisation ECHS after recommendation through the concerned SEMO. Such medicine will be added to the ECDL upon approval by MD COECHS. Formats for SEMO recommendation and sanction by MD, COECHS are enclosed as per appendix A and appendix B respectively for uniform implementation.

6. In view of the above, all concerned are requested to adhere strictly to the procedure outlined in the referenced policy letters and utilise the enclosed formats while seeking approval for procurement/reimbursement of Non-CDL medicines. These instructions will come into effect from 07 Nov 2025. The contents of this communication may pl be disseminated to all ECHS polyclinics and Regional Centres under your AOR for necessary compliance.

7. This is the approval of MD, COECHS



(Vikas Yadav)
Lt Col
Jt Dir (Med & Eqpt)
for MD ECHS

Encls:- Appendix A & B and policy letters

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SANCTION OF MD, CENTRAL ORGANIZATION ECHS
FOR PROCUREMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ESSENTIAL NON-CDL MEDICINES

Subject: Sanction of MD, ECHS for Procurement and Reimbursement of Non-CDL Medicines Prescribed by Specialist of Empanelled Hospital

1. Patient Particulars

a. Name: _____
 b. Age/Sex: _____
 c. Relation (to ECHS Beneficiary): _____

2. Diagnosis

3. Details of Non-CDL Medicines

(As per prescription of Specialist Doctor of Empanelled Hospital)

S. No.	Name of Medicine	Strength	Dosage	Duration	Prescribing Specialist / Empanelled Hospital
1.					
2.					

4. Sanction of Competent Authority (MD, Central Organization ECHS)

Based on the recommendation of SEMO, it is confirmed that the above-mentioned medicines are essential for the treatment of the patient and are not available in SEMO Medical Stores.

Accordingly, sanction is hereby accorded for procurement and reimbursement (as per CGHS rates) of the above Non-CDL medicines for the said patient, for the prescribed duration.

Further, inclusion of this essential medicine in the ECHS Common Drug List (ECDL) may be considered / Not considered as per existing policy guidelines.

5. Remarks of MD, Central Organization ECHS

(Signature & Stamp)

Managing Director, Central Organization ECHS

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

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RECOMMENDATION OF SEMO FOR NON-CDL MEDICINE

(To be submitted as a pre-requisite document for sanction by competent Authority at Central Organization ECHS)

Subject: Recommendation of SEMO for Non-CDL Medicine Prescribed by Specialist of Empanelled Hospital

1. Patient Particulars

- a. Name: _____
- b. Age/Sex: _____
- c. Relation (to ECHS beneficiary): _____

2. Diagnosis

3. Details of Non-CDL Medicines

(As per prescription of Specialist Doctor of Empanelled Hospital)

S. No.	Name of Medicine	Strength	Dosage	Duration	Prescribing Specialist / Empanelled Hospital
1.					
2.					

4. Remarks by SEMO

- i. The above-mentioned medicines are **not included** in the current ECHS Common Drug List (ECDL).
- ii. These medicines are assessed as **Essential / Not Essential** for the treatment of the patient. *(Strike out whichever is not applicable)*
- iii. Availability status in SEMO Medical Store: **Available / Not Available** *(Strike out whichever is not applicable)*
- iv. Inclusion in ECDL **Recommended / Not Recommended** *(Strike out whichever is not applicable)*

5. Recommendation

Based on medical justification and current stock position, the undersigned **recommends / does not recommend** procurement/sanction of the above Non-CDL medicines for the said patient.

(Signature & Stamp)

Senior Executive Medical Officer

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____

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