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**DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR ECHS BENEFICIARY : PROVISION OF
EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL AND REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF LIFE
SAVING DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR/
CPAP/BIPAP/BILEVEL VENTILATORY SYSTEM OR ANY OTHER LISTED
DOMICILIARY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED URGENTLY**

1. Please refer the following (copies att) :-

(a) CO ECHS Policy letter No B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medical Policy/2023 dated 30 Nov 2023.

(b) GoI (MoD/DoESW) ID No 18(114)/2017-D(WE/Res-I) dated 07 Mar 2025.

2. As per the existing provisions prior sanction for Individual reimbursement for purchase of Domiciliary Medical Equipment upto the ceiling rates is required. However, there are numerous occasions when **life saving domiciliary medical equipment** such as Oxygen Concentrator / CPAP / BIPAP/ BILEVEL Ventilatory System are required immediately by the patient on discharge based on the advice of the treating doctor. The ECHS beneficiary is left with no option but to procure the equipment from the market under own arrangement and obtaining prior sanction during such conditions is not practically feasible before purchase of the prescribed life saving domiciliary equipment.

3. The issue has been considered by the competent authority. Sanction of MD ECHS is hereby accorded for ex-post-facto sanction of life saving Domiciliary Med Eqpts i.e Oxygen Concentrator, CPAP, BIPAP & Bilevel Ventilatory System or any other listed domiciliary medical equipment required urgently for reimbursement of cost of eqpts upto CGHS ceiling limit which is amended time to time. The veteran will ensure an emergency certificate is taken from the treating physician. The same will be countersigned by the Service Spl/Govt Spl.

4. **Consumables.** The consumables for the equipments will be procured by SEMO/Comdt/CO Hosp and issued under arrangements of OIC Polyclinic. In case item is NA in medical stores of Polyclinic, consumables will be issued through Authorised Local Chemist (ALC). If the same is not available in ALC/dispensary of ECHS Polyclinic then NA on prescription will be given to the beneficiary based on which he/she can purchase from local market and claim reimbursement.

5. Request for replacement of machine after completion of five years will need to be advised and processed in the manner as given in CO ECHS Policy letter dated 30 Nov 2023 or the policy in vogue at that time.

6. Cases where no ceiling has been prescribed or is an unlisted equipment, the same will be referred to the High Power Committee (HPC).

7. The instructions will be implemented from 07 Mar 2025.

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For MD ECHS

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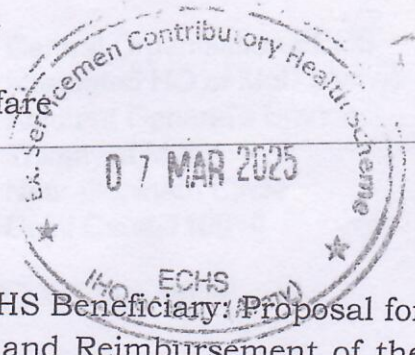
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Subject:- Domiciliary Medical Equipment for ECHS Beneficiary: Proposal for Provision of Ex- Post Facto Approval and Reimbursement of the Cost of Same Charges for Life Saving Domiciliary Medical Equipment- Oxygen Concentrator/CPCP/BIPAP – reg.

Refer CO, ECHS letter No. B/49762/AG/ECHS dated 16.12.2024 on the subject mentioned above.

2. It is highlighted that, there seems to be very little justification for granting ex-post facto sanction. Where ceiling rates are available, the current procedure entails them to procure these equipments after taking approval of the concerned Sr. Advisor (Consultant) or the Govt. Hospital specialist. The items are procured by the OIC Polyclinic through special demand.
3. In case the item is urgently required, the same can be purchased by the individual himself and the bill within the ceiling can be claimed like the individual reimbursement claim of NA medicines purchased by the ESM. This possibility if not exists, may be explored by CO, ECHS.
4. Rest all other cases where no ceiling has been prescribed or unlisted equipment in any case are referred to High Powered Committee (HPC)
5. This is for information and necessary action.

Encl.:- As stated above.

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MoD/DoESW ID No.18 (114)/2017-D(WE/Res-I), dated 7th March, 2025.