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**ENTITLEMENT TO MEDICAL ATTENDANCE FOR PARENTS, BROTHERS/SISTERS,
UMARRIED/DIVORCED DAUGHTER AND PWD 2016 BENEFICIARIES ABOVE THE AGE OF 25
YEARS (OTHER DEPENDENTS) AT SERVING HOSPITAL**

1. Refer to following:-

- (a) CO ECHS letter No. B/49769/AG/ECHS dated 22 Apr 2022.
- (b) Para 296(o) RMSAF-2010(Revised Edition).
- (c) COECHS letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS(i) dated 27 Dec 2022

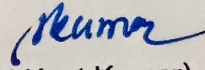
2. It is learnt from the environment that there are lots of confusion regarding admissibility of ESM dependents in AFMS hospital. According to O/o DGAFMS letter No. 16301/18/(C)/ECM DGAFMS/DG-3A dated 04 Jun 2019 the AFMS hospital recognizes only the veteran, his spouse and children below the age of 25 years as dependents. However, according to ECHS rules dependent status is also given to eligible parents, brother/sister, unmarried/divorced daughter and PWD 2016 beneficiaries above the age of 25 yrs.

3. It is clarified that as per CO ECHS letter No. B/49769/AG/ECJS dated 22 Apr 2022 parents and other dependents who are non entitled for treatment at AFMS hospital but entitled for ECHS benefits will be directly referred to ECHS Empanelled/Govt. Hosp for further treatment. Listed procedures/investigations/implant like Haemodialysis, Renal transplant, radiotherapy etc. doesn't require Spl/SEMO approval for treatment at empanelled hospital. They can directly get treated without Service Spl/SEMO approval at an empanelled hospital.

4. However, Service Spl recommendation is mandatory for purchase of domiciliary equipment. Hence, they are required to be referred to Service Hospital for their recommendation for domiciliary equipments.

5. It is also clarified that all OPD procedures, investigations, treatment, medicine dispensed and IPD treatment are chargeable by the Service Hospital as for a non entitled case. HSR will be raised for IPD treatment. All these bills will be reimbursed by ECHS as per letter mentioned in para 1(c).

6. For your info and strict compliance please.



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