

## **SUBJECT: TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Sir,

With reference to Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No.24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) Dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to amend and include following sub-paragraphs 2 under Heading "Travelling Allowance" as under:

### **TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE**

12. The following procedure will govern the movement of patient to referred clinics:-

(a) Admissibility

(i) Travelling Allowance for journeys undertaken for medical treatment (both ways) is admissible to ECHS beneficiaries for treatment in another city, if such treatment is not available in the same city and referral is advised by ECHS medical officer/Specialist. Amount admissible will be limited to rail fare in entitled classes as applicable at the time of retirement by shortest/main route, or actual expenditure, whichever is less.

(ii) One attendant or escort who is required to travel along with the patient will be entitled to traveling allowance if the medical officer/attending the patient has certified in writing that it is unsafe for the patient to travel alone and such attendant escort is necessary to accompany the patient. Amount as admissible to the patient is reimbursable.

(iii) Air Travel (Para added vide GOI letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013)  
Reimbursement for air travel in emergency cases will be considered on merits of individual case by the Ministry in consultation with MoD (Finance) provided the Medical Officer of Polyclinic or the Specialist at service Hospital certifies in writing that the air travel was absolutely essential and that travel by other means i.e. by rail or road etc., would have definitely endangered the life of patient or involved the risk of serious aggravation of the condition of the patient.

(iv) Kidney Donor (Para added vide GOI letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013):  
Reimbursement of traveling allowance to the kidney Donor in connection with the journeys undertaken for donation of kidney is admissible at the following rates:

(aa) If the donor is a non-ECHS beneficiary – Will be admissible at the rates applicable to the recipient ECHS beneficiary.

(ab) If the Donor is another ECHS beneficiary – Will be admissible at the rate applicable to the donor.

(b) **Ambulance Charges**(Para added vide GOI letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013) Ambulance services authorized in polyclinic/Military Hospital may be utilized for patients when being referred to Service/Empanelled Hospitals in the same city. However, if Ambulance is not provided and Medical Authority (Medical officer of the Polyclinics or the Specialist at service Hospital) certifies in writing that conveyance of the patient by any other mode would definitely endanger the life of the patient or involve the risk of serious aggravation of his/her condition, expenditure incurred on engagement of ambulance used to convey the patient will be reimbursed provided that the journey is undertaken within the same city.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their U O No.1224/13.Fin>Pen dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Yours faithfully

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