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Sub: National Health Authority (NHA) Card for IPD Treatment for Employees and Pensioners and their dependents of ICMR Institutes/Centres – reg.

This is to inform to all concerned that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is extending the National Health Authority (NHA) card facility for IPD treatment for employees and pensioners and their eligible dependents of non-CGHS covered ICMR Institutes/Centres and their attached units, under the framework of the National Health Authority (NHA).

The following operational guidelines are issued for effective implementation:

1. All employees and pensioners and their dependents of ICMR Institutes/Centres and their attached units, not covered under CGHS, are eligible to avail the cashless IPD treatment facility with NHA cards, through a monthly subscription fee or onetime payment by pensioners as prescribed for various pay levels to avail CGHS facility in OM No.S. 11011/ 11/2016-CGHS (P)/EHS dated 09th January 2017 of MoH&FW, GoI and as amended from time to time. NHA cards shall be issued digitally, once the individual data of the employees/pensioners and their eligible dependents get validated by NHA.
2. Concerned ICMR Institute/Centres may engage/ nominate CGHS Authorized Medical Attendant(s) (AMAs) for referral of eligible beneficiaries/NHA card holders, under the scheme, for elective treatment. In case of emergency treatment/admission of the beneficiaries, respective AMAs may authorize treatment within 12 hours of the estimate being raised by an empaneled CGHS /PM-JAY hospital through an online facility, which will be extended through the NHA IT platform.
3. Processing of Medical Bills:
 - o All Sr. ACOs and ACOs of ICMR Headquarters and Institutes shall be responsible for passing medical bills, received online, through NHA IT platform on FIFO basis.
 - o All the Scientists having Medical and Dental background will be nominated as verification and Sanctioning Authority for medical bills up to ₹3.00 lakhs, through the NHA IT platform.
 - o For bills above ₹3.00 lakhs, these shall be verified/sanctioned by the concerned Medical/Dental officer and forwarded to the ADG (F), ICMR HQ for further processing in the NHA IT platform.
4. All Institutes/Centres are requested to nominate two officials, preferably an Administrative Officer (AO) and dealing Section Officer/Assistant, to serve as Nodal Officer for coordination and implementation of this scheme.
5. OPD treatment is not covered under the NHA Card. The existing CS (MA) Rules shall continue to apply for reimbursement of OPD treatment expenses (including medicines), through the existing institutional mechanism.
6. Ward entitlement is not applicable in PM-JAY empanelled hospitals. Admissions will be based on hospital availability and not linked to pay level or entitlement class. However, in CGHS empanelled hospitals, ward entitlements (i.e., General, Semi-private and Private rooms), as per the GoI guidelines is applicable.

All Institutes/Centres are directed to disseminate this information, widely among eligible beneficiaries and ensure timely nomination of the required officials.

For any clarification, the Institutes may refer to the MoU between NHA & ICMR which is enclosed herewith.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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