Reimbursement of Cost of Medicines Purchased Directly from Authorized Chemist during Emergency

The undersigned is directed to say that the Staff Side Members of the National Council (JCM) had requested that the CGHS beneficiaries may be allowed reimbursement of expenditure incurred on purchase of medicines directly from authorized chemist shops during emergency.

2. The above-mentioned issue has been examined by this Ministry and it has been decided to delegate the powers to the Heads of the Ministries/Departments and the Additional/Joint/Deputy Directors of the CGHS covered cities to reimburse the expenditure incurred by CGHS beneficiaries on purchase of medicines directly from authorized/registered chemist shops during emergency. Since the term emergency will have a number of variants, it has been decided to leave the judgment to the Administrative Ministry/Departments and the Additional/Joint/Deputy Director of the CGHS covered cities to consider and decide the quantum of reimbursement for medicines and service provided/procured in such situations, provided hospitalization is not involved and for which separate provision exists.

3. In case of serving employees covered under CGHS, the Administrative Ministry/Department will decide such type of cases and in case of pensioner beneficiaries of CGHS, the cases will be decided by the concerned Head of the CGHS organization of the CGHS covered city.