OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub- Issue of medicines / reimbursement of expenditure on investigations / treatment procedures / implants and other medical devices under CGHS- regarding

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With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to state that this Ministry has examined the matter in detail and with a view to streamline the procedures regarding issue of medicines, reimbursement of expenditure on investigations, treatment procedures, implants and medical devices and with a view to plug the loopholes in the system, it has now been decided that:

a) CGHS shall supply / indent only those medicines, which are included in the CGHS formulary, except for para (b) below. However, for medicines prescribed outside formulary, medicines with identical formulations and/or similar therapeutic effect may be supplied from CGHS formulary against such medicines. CGHS formulary containing 1447 generic and 622 branded medicines is available on CGHS website at http://msotransparent.nic.in/cghsnew/index.asp

b) Anti Cancer and other similar medicines are however supplied on a case to case basis. Only the medicines approved by DCGI for use in India shall be supplied. In case an Indian version is available, which is cheaper than the imported medicine, only the Indian medicine shall be supplied even if, an imported medicine has been prescribed.

c) Medicines shall be supplied for a maximum period of one month.
d) In case of CGHS beneficiaries going abroad, issue of medicines shall be
restricted for a maximum period of three months.

e) CGHS shall hereinafter allow only the listed investigations / treatment
procedures for which there are prescribed CGHS rates, to be under taken
in CGHS empanelled diagnostic centres and hospitals.

f) Similarly, only listed implants / medical devices with a CGHS prescribed
ceiling rate shall be permitted for treatment / reimbursement under
CGHS.

g) In those cases where any unlisted investigation / treatment procedure is
undertaken the reimbursement shall be limited to the rate of nearest
similar investigation / treatment procedure under CGHS. Addl. Director
of the city /zone shall take a decision based on justification in such
cases, in consultation with experts in the field, if necessary.

h) In those cases where any unlisted implant / device is installed
reimbursement shall be limited to the CGHS rate of nearest similar
implant / device. Addl. Director of the city /zone shall take a decision
based on justification in such cases in consultation with experts in the
field, if necessary.

i) Registration of Mobile number with CGHS has been made compulsory as
a guard against misuse of CGHS Card.

j) In order to provide a mechanism to update the investigations /treatment
procedures / implants, etc., as an ongoing process, a Technical
Committee is being constituted to consider inclusion / exclusion of
investigations /treatment procedures / implants, etc., under CGHS.

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