


File No. 22D(19)/2020/WE/D(Res-1)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare  
Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-11

Dated the 01 January, 2021.

To  
The Chief of Army Staff  
The Chief of Naval Staff  
The Chief of Air Staff

**Subject:** REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICINE: SPECIAL SANCTION IN VIEW OF THE COVID-19.

1. Further to MoD (DoESW) letter No. 22D(19)/2020/WE/D(Res-I) dated 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2020.
2. A onetime sanction for purchase of medicines and claim reimbursement was issued till 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020. In view of current situation of COVID-19 pandemic and restricted movements in containment zones, to promote social distancing and avoiding unnecessary exposure to ECHS beneficiaries to COVID-19 as well as minimizing footfall at ECHS Polyclinics, the ECHS beneficiaries having life style/chronic ailments/diseases on long treatment may purchase medicines till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 based on the prescription held (prescribed by doctor of Polyclinic/Service hospital/Empanelled hospital/Sehat OPD) irrespective of NA or otherwise. It is also clarified that the ECHS Polyclinics are functional and ECHS beneficiaries also have the option to collect medicines through ECHS Polyclinics as per normal practice, instead of purchasing from market, after taking prior appointment from respective OIC Polyclinic.
3. One time sanction is hereby accorded to reimburse the above expenditure under individual reimbursement of medical claims. The reimbursement will be done as per guidelines issued by CO, ECHS vide letter No. B/49761/AG/ECHS/Medicine Policy dated 18 May 2020 and even no. 21 July 2020.
4. This will be applicable beyond 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 till 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
5. This issue with the concurrence of MoD (Finance/Pension) vide ID Note32(09)/2020/Fin/Pen dated 01.01.2021.

  
( Dr. P.P. Sharma)  
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