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### ISSUE OF MEDICINE FOR VETERANS GOING ABROAD

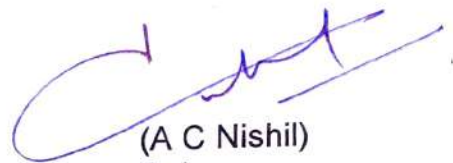
1. Refer to letter B/49761/AG/ECHS/2021 dated 23 Dec 2021 (copy att).
2. According to Para 2(i) of the above letter ECHS beneficiary proceeding to a foreign country for 3 months or more from the date of leaving India will be entitled to receive medicines for the duration of his stay in the foreign country upto a max of six months or less. Veterans are finding it difficult to get the required quantity of medicines due to non-availability in the polyclinic.
3. In order to maintain continuity in treatment and avoid any difficulties to the beneficiaries in a foreign country, it is necessary that proper procedure is put in place to facilitate the veteran to get his quota of medicine prescribed by the treating physician.
4. To provide adequate time to the polyclinics to make the required quantity of medicines available, the beneficiaries are requested to intimate the polyclinic about their impending visit and the duration of stay well in advance. Following documents will be attached to an application as proof of his movement to a foreign country :-
  - (a) Documentary evidence of visit to a foreign country i.e. copy of Passport, Visa and copy of the tickets.
  - (b) Copy of the ECHS Card.
  - (c) Valid prescription of the treating physician for issue of medicines for the duration of the visit.
  - (d) Next due date for review should be clearly mentioned in the documents.
5. The required type and quantity of medicines for the duration will be dispensed from the parent polyclinics. Adequate time should be given to the OIC Polyclinic to procure the medicines if it is NA or short supply in the parent polyclinic. Efforts will be made to procure the same through SEMO when adequate time is available or from the ALC when NA in the polyclinic.
6. If the procurement of medicines is not successful before the departure of the beneficiary, the veteran may be given NA certificate for the required medicines for the

duration. Based on the NA certificate the beneficiary will be allowed to purchase the NA medicines from the market and obtain reimbursement.

7. It is mandatory for the beneficiary to be reviewed by his treating physician for regulation of dose and other medical parameters immediately on return from the foreign visit.

8. This has the approval of MD ECHS.

9. The contents of this letter may be disseminated to all PCs under your AOR



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23 Dec 2021

(All Regional Centres)

**AMENDMENT : ISSUE OF MEDICINES FOR LONGER DURATION (90 DAYS)**  
**PARA 18 (q) OF SOP ON MEDICINE MANAGEMENT DT 05 SEP 2017**

1. PI ref to the Para 18 (q) of SOP on Medicine Management dt 05 Sep 2017.
2. The existing Para 18 (q) of the SOP on Medicine Management is reconstituted and amended to read as under :-

**READ**

**Para 18 (q) : Issue of Medicines for Longer Duration .**

(i) ECHS beneficiary proceeding to a foreign country for three months or more from the date of leaving India will be entitled to receive medicines for a duration of his stay in foreign country or six months whichever is less. Visa/air tickets will be checked and OIC Polyclinic will satisfy himself. NDD (Next Due Date) will be correctly recorded.

(ii) In case of Bed ridden patients as well as chronic cases as given above subject to endorsement of medical officer/specialist of Polyclinic that "No review required for 90 days", the beneficiaries will be entitled for receiving medicines for a maximum duration of three months (90 days).

(iii) Patients from Hilly region/difficult areas where commuting is difficult viz Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, North East regions and other difficult areas will be entitled to receive medicines for a maximum duration of three months (90 days).

(iv) While issuing the medicines for longer duration as mentioned above, following will be ensured :-

(a) Medicines will only be given if issue does not affect other patients adversely which will be at the discretion of OIC Polyclinic keeping stock position of medical stores in mind.

(b) Medicines procured out of local purchase powers of OIC Polyclinic or from Authorised Local Chemist will not be issued for three months.

(ac) It will be mandatory for the patient to be reviewed by the doctor for regulation of doses of medicines after three months or on return from foreign country.

(v) Doctors of Polyclinic will be accountable for the prescriptions being written.

3. The above reconstituted para be replaced in the said SOP.
4. This has the approval of MD ECHS.
5. You are requested to disseminate the contents of this letter to all PCs under your AOR.

  
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