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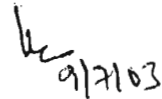
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Sub: Definition of 'Family' under CHSS.

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Associate Director, Medical Division, BARC may please refer to his letter No.BARCH/9(30)/2003/2893 dated June 6, 2003 on the above subject.

It is a fact that the CGHS has a wider definition for inclusion of family members whereas the provision under CHSS is somewhat restrictive in this regard. The CHSS being a Scheme with independent identity there are certain areas which are not comparable with the provisions in other healthcare schemes like CGHS. For example, the ceiling limit of income for inclusion of family under CHSS is Rs.4000/= p.m., whereas under the CGHS it is Rs.1500/= p.m. The amount of Rs.4000/- was fixed as far back as July 2000 whereas under the CGHS the income limit was Rs.500/- p.m. for a long time and this was revised to Rs.1500/- p.m. in March, 2001. Although the amount of Rs.1500/= is exclusive of Dearness Relief in the present context the ceiling limit of Rs.4000/= would be more beneficial for the employees. Similarly there are certain ceiling limits in the case of reimbursement of medical expenditure under CGHS in respect of the treatment taken from recognized hospitals whereas such restrictions are not normally imposed on CHSS beneficiaries. A clause regarding limitation of liability (though not operated) which was in CHSS in the past was removed at the request of the employees. Considering the huge expenditure being incurred on CHSS, perhaps, it may not be advisable to make any changes in the case of definition of family or other areas. However, the existing ceiling limit of Rs.4000/= p.m. for inclusion of parents/children which was fixed in July 2000 could be subjected to a review for a hike for justifiable reasons after a period of time.


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