



**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

APIMA Rules, 1972 – Certain amendments to G.O.Ms.No.74, HM & FW (K1)
Department, dated: 15-3-2005 – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (K1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.105

Dated:09-04-2007

Read the following:

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- 1) G.O.Ms.No.74, HM&FW (K1) Deptt., dated 15-3-2005.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.180, HM&FW (K1) Dept., dt.11-5-2006.
- 3) Representation from the Progressive Teachers Union, AP, Hyderabad Letter No.49/2006, dt.22-3-2006.
- 4) Representation from the President/Secretary, A.P.Secretariat Association, Hyderabad dt.18-4-2006.
- 5) Representation from the General Secretary, A.P.State Govt. Retired Employees Association, Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad, dated 22-4-2006.
- 6) Representation from the APNGOs Association, District Branch, Ananthapur through CMP No.10482/CMP/2006, dt.16-10-2006.
- 7) From the DME, A.P., Hyderabad Rc. No. 20866/MA(I)A/2006 dated 16-4-2006 and 9-11-2006.
- 8) From the DME Lr. No. 1797/LC-B/2006 dated 6-10-2006.
- 9) Representation from President/General Secretary, A.P. NGOs Association letter dated 27.11.2006.

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ORDER:

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Government have issued Andhra Pradesh Integrated Medical Attendance Rules, 1972, applicable to State Government employees and their dependents, employees of local bodies, students of Medical Colleges, members of State Legislature, A.I.S. Officers, A.P. State Higher Judicial Officers etc. Many Private Hospitals both in the State and out side the State have been recognized by the Government as referral hospitals, for the purpose of treatment for the above category of persons on reimbursement basis.

2. Government have constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director of Medical Education for review of rules and submission of recommendations. Accordingly, the said committee has submitted the report. Based on the said report, orders have been issued liberalizing the scheme vide G.O.Ms.No.74, HM&FW (K1) Department, dated 15-3-2005.

3. Government have conducted a review meeting on 28-1-2006 with the officials of Finance and Health Medical & Family Welfare Department and the Director of Medical Education on the subject of medical reimbursement and reviewed the matter including the following points

- 1) To fix up the ceiling limit on Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) Package rates;
- 2) To fix up the ceiling limit for the dental treatment.

4. It has also been brought to the notice of the Government that the dental rates prescribed in the said G.O. are high for certain procedures and by taking advantage of these rates, most of the Dental bills are presented with maximum rates between

Rs.15,000/- and Rs.24,500/- In some cases one procedure is done, but high rates are being claimed mentioning other procedures. The matter has been referred to the Director of Medical Education.

5. The A.P. Secretariat Employees Coordination Association has also submitted a representation for discussions with officers committee's meeting constituted vide G.O.Rt.No.2272, G.A. (SW-II) Department, dated 2-5-2006. Similarly, A.P. Secretariat, Association has also represented. They have requested for issue of orders on the following: -

- 1) For Dental treatment, Rs.20,000/- may be fixed as ceiling limit and three times to each of employees and their dependents separately in the entire service or life.
- 2) Credit facility for health checkup.
- 3) Issue of net admissible certificate by NIMS at the time of discharge.
- 4) Credit letter should be accepted by all private recognized hospitals/NIMS/SVIMS issued by departments for any emergency treatment.
- 5) One month time may be prescribed for clearing medical bills by scrutiny authority.

6. In the G.O. second read above, Ceiling limit of Rs.1,70,000/- has been fixed for the treatment obtained in private hospitals in respect of diseases for which no packages rates of CGHS are available. The Pay Revision Commission, 2005 has made recommendations for enhancement of ceiling limit for medical reimbursement to Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for serving employees and Rs. 1.00 Lakh for retired persons.

7. After careful examination of the matter and with a view to rationalize the medical reimbursement procedure, keeping in view the recommendations of PRC, 2005 and with a view to prevent misuse of facilities, the Government have decided to amend the orders issued in G.Os first and second read above. Accordingly, Government hereby issue the following amendments to G.O.Ms.No.74, HM & FW (K1) Department, dated: 15-3-2005 read with G.O.Ms.No.180, HM & FW (K1) Department, dated: 11-5-2006.

AMENDMENTS

1. In sub-para (1) of para 9 of G.O. Ms. No. 74, HM & FW (K1) Department dated 15-3-2005, as amended in G.O.Ms.No.180, HM & FW (K1) Department, dt. 11-5-2006, the following shall be substituted, namely: -

“1) a) The rates prescribed in the Central Government Health Scheme (C.G.H.S.) package by Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Affairs, New Delhi for Central Government Health Scheme, Hyderabad are adopted in the State for the purpose of reimbursement of medical expenditure incurred by the State Government employees both in service/ retired and their dependents; family pensioners, M.L.As and their family members and all other eligible categories who are entitled for free medical treatment as mentioned in Andhra Pradesh Integrated Medical Attendance Rules, 1972, when the treatment was taken in the private hospitals recognized by the State Government within the State. If medical treatment is taken outside the State, the rates of Central Government Health Scheme, Delhi shall be applicable.

b) The maximum ceiling limit of Rs.2.00 lakhs (Rupees two lakhs only) is fixed for the major ailments of Bypass Heart surgery, CABGS, Double valve replacement, Open Heart procedure, aortic valve replacement, Kidney Transplantation, Cancer and Neuro-Surgery to Brain irrespective of package rates of CGHS for the treatment obtained in private hospitals, and also for the treatment obtained in NIMS, Hyderabad and SVIMS, Tirupati or actual cost which ever is less. This ceiling limit of Rs. 2.00 lakhs is applicable to the serving employees and their dependents. In respect of retired employees, their dependents and family pensioners, the ceiling limit is Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh only) for these ailments, as per the recommendations of P.R.C. 2005.

c) In the conditions, procedures, surgeries where CGHS package rates are available, the CGHS tariff is the ceiling limit and shall be followed for the treatment obtained in Private Hospitals except for the major ailments mentioned in point 1(b) above. The Private hospitals recognized as referral hospitals should abide and follow CGHS package rates and Government orders while giving treatment to the employee and their dependents as per APIMA Rules. They shall not charge excess amount over the package rates mentioned in CGHS package rates.

d) Where package rates in CGHS, NIMS/SVIMS are not available for certain treatments other than Dental ailments, the ceiling limit as prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.58, HM&FW (K1) Dept., dt.5-5-2000 shall be followed for scrutiny and reimbursement purpose, duly modifying the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.180, HM&FW (K1) Department, dated 11-5-2006, viz. the ceiling limit will be Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh only) for serving employees and their dependents and in respect of retired employees and their dependents and family pensioners, it shall be Rs.75,000/- (Rupees seventy five thousand only).

2. *In sub-para (3) of Para 9, of the said G.O., the sentence, "and package rates for dental treatments/diseases are mentioned in Annexure-II to the orders" shall be deleted and consequently the annexure-II to G.O. Ms. No. 74 HM & FW (K1) Department, dated 15-3-2005 be cancelled and deleted.*

3. *After sub-para (3) of para 9 of the said G.O. the following shall be inserted, namely: -*

"In respect of Dental treatment cases, the following procedure shall be followed: -

a. The employee should approach Government Hospital, i.e. Teaching Hospital or District Headquarters Hospital or APVVP Area Hospital for Dental treatment or where facilities not available, obtain referral letter before approaching any recognized Dental Hospital for treatment. With prior permission of the concerned Government hospital only, one should obtain dental treatment in recognized dental hospitals.

b. Reimbursement in respect of treatment for dental diseases to each of the employee or their dependents separately in the entire service or life as the case may be, shall be limited to three times and the ceiling limit shall be Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) for each time.

i) No relaxation of rules be accepted for sanction of claim beyond Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) in any case.

ii) With regard to cosmetic dental surgery, claims regarding Cosmetic dental surgery are not eligible for any medical reimbursement, except in case of Road Traffic accidents involving upper and low jaws.

4. *After the existing sub-para 9, of the said G.O. of para 4, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: -*

Provided scrutiny of medical bills of Govt. employees and their dependents of Raj Bhavan is entrusted to the Civil Surgeon Specialist, Civil Dispensary, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad upto claim of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only).

5. *After sub-para (10) of para 9 of the said G.O. the following shall be added, namely: -*

"In respect of treatment obtained in un-recognized private hospitals for treatment/surgeries under emergency conditions, as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.175, HM & FW (K1) Dept., dt.29-5-1997;

i) such claims shall be examined by Head of the Department concerned and if it is found genuine, then the proposal shall be referred to their concerned administrative Department in A.P.Secretariat, Hyderabad with specific recommendations justifying for relaxation of rules, together with scrutiny report of the DME or NIMS or SVIMS or other scrutinizing authority as the case may be.

ii) The concerned Administrative Department in Secretariat shall examine the proposal in consultation with Finance Department for relaxation of rules and take a decision for sanction of medical reimbursement based on scrutiny report as per the business rules. In such cases, the Administrative Department concerned shall not refer files to Health Medical & Family Welfare Department for remarks/ opinion.

iii) While referring for any specific clarification/ proposal to Government in their concerned Administrative Department, the Head of the Department shall obtain and enclose the scrutiny report of Director of Medical Education or Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) / Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) or other Scrutinizing authority as may be applicable to each case, to avoid unnecessary and avoidable correspondence."

6. *After the existing sub-para (13) of para 9, of the said G.O., the following shall be inserted, namely: -*

“13.A. NIMS, Hyderabad and SVIMS, Tirupati while issuing final bills to the employee etc. they should also issue a separate scrutiny certificate on the net admissibility of the claim in terms of APIMA Rules 1972, simultaneously as amended from time to time to avoid delays. Based on the scrutiny certificate, the concerned Department shall take necessary action for sanction of claims as per the procedure.”

7. *For sub-para (17) of Para 9 of the said G.O., the following shall be substituted, namely: -*

The State Govt. employees both in service and retired and their dependents, and all other eligible categories are allowed to secure treatment under emergency cases, in the A.P. State Govt. recognised private hospitals outside the State with 10% cut on the eligible amount and as per CGHS rates.

8. *After the existing sub-para (24) of para 9 of the said G.O., the following shall be inserted namely: -*

“24.A. In respect of Master Health Checkup for employees who crossed 40 years as per above sub-para, the concerned employee shall submit application to the concerned HOD/Regional Office /District office for his checkup to a particular recognized hospital, SVIMS/NIMS. The concerned HOD/Regional Office/Dist. Offices as the case may be refer the employee concerned to that hospital for Master health Checkup on Letter of Credit (L.O.C) basis and the departments should obtain bills from the hospitals and send for scrutiny and arrange payment to the hospital as per CGHS rates, NIMS rates/SVIMS rates respectively.”

24.B The Ceiling limit for reimbursement to Master Health Check up is fixed at Rs. 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) and Master Health Checkup shall include (1) Haemogram (CBP, ESR, Plate count) (2) complete Urine examination, (3) Biochemistry: Serum Uric Acid, Lipid Profile, LFT, Blood Sugar, Fasting and Post Prandial Blood Urea and Serum Creatinine (4) Cardiology ECG, 2D, ECHO Tread mill test whenever necessary (5) Radiology chest X-Ray, Ultra sound Exam Abd. (6) PAP Smear (HP) for ladies (7) Micro Biology: HIV, HBs Ag. (8) Blood Grouping Rh. Typing (9) Eye checkup and consultation with physician (10) Thyroid Test and T3, T4, TSH.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No.4522/331/A2/Expr.HM&FW.I/2006, dated: 5-8-2006.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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