

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 6278-F

Kolkata, the 29th June, 2009

NOTIFICATION

Mediclue Research & Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd., 68, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700020 has been recognized as a class-2 diagnostic centre for the purpose of the W.B. Health Scheme, 2008 under notification no. 3473-F dt. 11-05-09. Now, the Health and F. W. Deptt. has reassessed the said Health Care Organization as a Class-I diagnostic centre. Accordingly, Governor is hereby pleased to recognize the said H.C.O. as a Class-I Diagnostic Centre and to enlist at Sl. No. 0421005 in Annexure-A amending its previous enlistment at Sl. No. 0422201.

By order of the Governor,

Sd. /- D. Mukhopadhyay
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

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Notification

No. 6722-F

Kolkata, the 9th July, 2009

The Governor is pleased to make the following amendment to the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008.

In clause-(3)

1. for sub-clause(b), the following sub-clause shall be substituted:-
 - (b) “beneficiary” means a dependent member of the family of an employee;

2. for sub-clause(e), the following sub-clause shall be substituted:-
 - (e) “dependent member of the family of an employee” means and includes-
 - (i) Husband or Wife, as the case may be;
 - (ii) Parents whose monthly income does not exceed rupees one thousand and five hundred;
 - (iii) Children, including Step-children, legally adopted children and unmarried daughters;
 - (iv) Dependent widowed/ divorced daughters;
 - (v) Minor brothers, minor sisters;
 - (vi) Dependent unmarried/ Widowed/ Divorced sisters;

The amendment is effective from 01-06-2009.

By order of the Governor,

D. Mukhopadhyay

Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 7071-F

Kolkata, the 20th July, 2009

Memorandum

Consequent upon amendment of the definition of “family” under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 the Governor is pleased to include “legally adopted children”, “widowed/ divorced daughters” and “unmarried/ widowed/ divorced sisters” in the “family” as defined in Para 3(v) of the Memo. No. 3475-F dt. 11-05-2009 provided such a member lives with the State Government Pensioner and fulfils other conditions of dependency.

This inclusion is effective from 01-06-2009.

Sd/- S.K. Chattopadhyay

Special Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal.

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
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Medical Cell

No. 7639-F

Kolkata, the 4th August, 2009

From: Shri S.K. Chattopadhyay,
Special Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Finance Department.
To: The Accountant General (A&E),
West Bengal,
Treasury Buildings,
Kolkata-700001.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 has been made effective for the State Government Employees w.e.f. 01-06-2009. The benefits of the Scheme have also been extended to the State Government pensioners/ family pensioners and their family members with effect from the same date under the Finance Department Memo No. 3475-F, dated 11-05-2009.

Salient features of the benefits available to the pensioners are:-

- (i) Eligible Government pensioners/ family pensioners are entitled to get reimbursement of the cost of medical attendance and treatment of his / her own and members of family, as an indoor patient in a recognized hospital or institution for all types of diseases.
- (ii) Cost of OPD treatment for 10 (ten) specified diseases and also costs during the period of 30 days prior to hospitalization and 30 days from the date of discharge are also reimbursable.
- (iii) Reimbursement will be made as per approved rates or actuals whichever is less.
- (iv) Eligible pensioners/ family pensioners are also entitled to get medical attendance and treatment in eight speciality hospitals outside the State. Actual costs will be reimbursed in such cases.

For getting the benefits pensioners/ family pensioners shall have to enroll their names to the Pension Sanctioning Authorities. Those who will enroll their names will not be entitled to draw regular monthly medical relief. Pension Sanctioning Authority shall issue Enrolment Certificate and direct the concerned Treasury or Bank (in case of pensioners in Kolkata) to discontinue the drawal of regular medical relief. Enrolment shall be effective from the 1st day of the month following the month in which the enrolment certificate is

issued. A copy of the Enrolment Certificate should also be forwarded to the Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.

Concerned Treasury or Bank, as the case may be, shall take necessary steps for discontinuation of regular monthly relief w.e.f. the date mentioned in the enrolment certificate.

All types of family pensioners as defined in Para 3(iii) of the Memo No. 3475-F, dated 11-05-2009 will get full benefits of the Scheme.

Pension Sanctioning Authorities will issue Photo Identity Cards as per entitlement of the pensioner/ family pensioner. Each dependent member of the family will get a photo identity card. Children, minor brothers, minor sisters, parents, widowed/ divorced daughters, unmarried/ widowed/ divorced sisters shall be deemed to be dependent on the Government pensioner if they normally reside with him/ her and fulfill the conditions of income.

Application Proformas for Enrolment, Settlement of Claims, Essentiality Certificate, Temporary family permit etc. may be available in the Finance Department Memo No. 3475-F, dated 11-05-2009. Details of the Scheme may also be available at official website of the Government of West Bengal- (1) www.banglarmukh.com, (2) www.wbfin.nic.in link W.B. Health Scheme, 2008.

For smooth implementation of the Scheme, I would request you to issue instructions to the Bank authorities in Kolkata to accept the Enrolment Certificates from the pension Sanctioning Authorities and discontinuation of the monthly medical relief in respect of the pensioners in Kolkata with effect from the date mentioned in the enrolment certificate.

Some State Government pensioners/ family pensioners are drawing pension from other States. I would also request you to issue necessary instruction in these cases so that they may avail the benefits of the Scheme in lieu of monthly medical relief.

Yours faithfully,

Special Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 8102-F

Kolkata, the 18th August, 2009.

CORRIGENDUM

(1) In the notification no. 3473-F dt. 11-05-09:-

(A)

Sl. No. (i) All Hospitals (all systems of medicines), clinics, laboratories and diagnostic centres under the management of Government of West Bengal. (Code: 0110000)

shall be read as

(i) All Hospitals (all systems of medicines), clinics, laboratories and diagnostic centres under the management of Government of West Bengal, Government of India and other State Governments. (Code: 0110000)

(B) Sl. No. (iii)(d) Institute of Child Care, Kolkata. (Code: 0310004)

shall be read as:-

Sl. No. (iii)(d) Institute of Child Health, 11, Dr. Biresch Guha Street, Kolkata- 17. (Code: 0310004)

1. In 'Annexure-A' of the notification no. 3473-F dt. 11-05-09

(A) The following entry under the heading "Class-1 Service Provider"

0411001	PN Memorial Neuro Centre & Research Centre Ltd.	Desun More, Kasba, Kolkata-107, Tel.: (033) 2443-4567	Class-I Multi-Speciality Hospital
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shall be read as:-

0411001	Desun Hospital & Heart Institute (A unit of PN Memorial Neuro Centre & Research Institute Ltd.)	Desun More, Kasba Gol Park, EM Bypass, Kolkata-107, Tel.: (033) 2443-4567	Class-I Multi-Speciality Hospital
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(B) The following entry under the heading “Class-2 Service Provider (Class Code:2)”

0412202	Eye Care & Research Centre	Biplabi Niketan, 12A, Biresh Guha Street, Kolkata-17, Tel. No.- (033) 2280-2809	Class-2 Eye Care Centre (Day Care)
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shall be read as:-

0412202	Eye Care & Research Centre	Biplabi Niketan, 12A, Biresh Guha Street, Kolkata-17, Tel. No.- (033) 2287-2809/2280- 8545	Class-2 Eye Care Centre (Day Care)
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Sd/- S.K. Chattopadhyay

Special Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal,
Finance Department.

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From: Shri C.M. Bachhawat, I.A.S.
Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To:

- (a) Additional Chief Secretary,
_____ Department
- (b) Principal Secretary,
_____ Department
- (c) Secretary,
_____ Department

No. 8704 (65)-F

dt. 08-09-2009

Subject: Implementation of the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008

Sir,

I am directed to state that with a view to providing better medical facilities to the Government employees and their family members the State Government has promulgated the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 under the Finance Department notification no. 7287-F dt. 19-09-2008. The Scheme has come into effect from 01-06-2009. The Scheme, however, is optional. The State Government employees willing to come under the Scheme will get medical attendance and treatment, including their family members, in recognized Government and Private Hospitals. Benefits of Scheme have been extended to the State Government pensioners and their family members under the F.D. memo no. 3475-F dt. 11-05-2009.

For wide circulation, booklet containing the Scheme, operational guidelines, list of hospitals, approved rates, etc. has been published and the copies of the same have been sent to the departments, directorates and district offices. The Scheme is also available in the official website of the Government of West Bengal viz. www.wbfin.nic.in and www.banglarmukh.com link the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008. But it appears that the Scheme has not received due publicity and many of the employees of various Departments, Directorates, District Authorities and Regional Offices are absolutely ignorant about the Scheme for which the employees are not getting the benefits of the Scheme. We are getting number of cases with the request to consider for reimbursement of costs of treatment done in any hospital/ nursing home according to their choice, as a special case in relaxation of normal rules, where such officers/ employees have not opted

for coverage under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008, although all such benefits can be availed of under the Health Scheme.

Under the stated circumstances, I would like to request you to take all measures to give the said Health Scheme due publicity among the employees of your Departments and Directorates, regional offices, if any. District Offices should also be kept informed of the Scheme. Since the Health Scheme has already been operative w.e.f. 01-06-2009 we are not in favour of sanction of reimbursement of medical expenses as a special case in relaxation of the West Bengal Services (MA) Rules, 1964 and West Bengal Services (Medical Benefits for the State Government Pensioners) Rules, 1998, as amended, w.e.f. 01-11-2009. This point may be brought home to the employees/ pensioners concerned. Meetings may also be conducted by heads of respective offices so that ignorance by officers/ employees may not be considered as an excuse for relaxation of the provisions of West Bengal Services (MA) Rules, 1964/ West Bengal Services (Medical Benefits for the State Government Pensioners) Rules, 1998 after 31 October, 2009.

It is also submitted that special consideration of cases where officers/ employees have not opted for the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008, will also create unfavourable situation for officers/ employees who have opted for the Scheme and may give rise to genuine grievance on their part.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
AUDIT BRANCH**

NOTIFICATION

No. 8819-F

Date 14.09.09

Suraksha Diagnostic Pvt. Ltd., Kestopur Clinic, Kolkata-700 101 and Suraksha Diagnostic & Eye Centre Pvt. Ltd., 15/10 Udham Singh Sarani, Siliguri were recognized as Class-2 Service Providers vide Annexure A of Notification No. 3473-F dtd. 11.05.09 under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008. Now, H & F. W. Department has reassessed the above Health Care Organisations and recommended to upgrade them as Class-1 Service Providers. Accordingly, Governor is pleased to recognize the above Health Care Organisations as a Class-1 Diagnostic Centres and to enlist them at Sl. No. 0421006 and 0421007 respectively in Annexure A of Notification No. 3473-F dtd. 11.05.09 amending their previous enlistment at Sl. Nos. 0422203 and 0422205.

By order of the Governor,

Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
AUDIT BRANCH**

NOTIFICATION

No. 8820-F

Date 14.09.09

B. P. Poddar Hospital & Medical Research Ltd. of 71/1 Humayun Kabir Sarani, Block G, New Alipore, Kolkata 700 053, has been assessed as a Class 1 Multi Speciality Hospital with diagnostic facilities by the Health & Family Welfare Department under memo no. HF/IHMC/WBHS/1M-11-2009/158 dtd. 13.07.09. The said Health Care Organisation has come into agreement with Government of West Bengal for rendering service on the basis of Memorandum of Agreement for a period of 2 (two) years or till it is modified or revoked whichever is earlier.

Now the Governor is pleased to recognize B. P. Poddar Hospital & Medical Research Ltd. as a Class 1 Multi Speciality Hospital with diagnostic facilities and enlist the said hospital at Sl. No. 0411012 in Annexure A of Finance Department Notification no. 3473-F dtd. 11.05.09.

By order of the Governor,

Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Medical Cell

No. 9205-F (MED)

dt. 5th October, 2009

Memorandum

After the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 came into effect from 01-06-09; requests for clarifications of some of the points laid down in the said Scheme are being received by this department from various corners.

After careful consideration of the matter the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to offer the following para-wise clarifications on the points for information and guidance of all concerned:

Sl. No.	Points of Doubt	Clarifications
1.	<p>“Dependent member of the family of an employee” has been defined in clause 3(e) of the West Bengal Health Scheme (as amended under notification no. 6722-F dt. 04-07-09) and conditions of dependency has been clarified in Para-3 of the memo no. 3474-F dt. 11-05-09.</p> <p>Whether conditions of dependency are applicable for spouse who has income more than Rs. 1500/- per month?</p>	<p>For availing the medical facilities under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 children, minor brothers, unmarried/ widowed/ divorced daughters, unmarried/ widowed/ divorced sisters shall be deemed to be dependent on the Govt. Employee if they are normally residing with him/her and their income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1500/- per month.</p> <p>The conditions of dependency are not applicable to the spouse. In other words, spouse is automatically included for medical benefits under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 and hence where both husband and wife are State Govt. employees none of them will be entitled to draw regular medical allowance if either of them opts to come under the scheme.</p> <p>(i) However both the husband and wife, if they are State Govt. employees, may exercise option separately to come under the Scheme. In those cases they will get identity cards as per their entitlement of accommodation. Their parents and other family members as per definition of “family” of the Scheme will get the benefits under the Scheme. A joint declaration is to be furnished stating the names of their beneficiaries and duly counter-signed by their employers. Name of sons and daughters may be shown either with the father or mother as per their option.</p> <p>(ii) If the spouse is an employee of central govt. /Bank or employed in a corporation / undertaking financed wholly or partly by the Central or State Government, local bodies, aided institutions and</p>

		<p>Private organisations, which provide medical services, the medical facility can be availed of at one place only. Therefore, if spouse wants to get the benefits under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 an official certificate from his/ her employer is to be obtained first regarding relinquishment of medical allowance and medical benefits available from his/ her employer.</p> <p>Above procedures may also be followed in the case of a Government Pensioner enrolled under the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008, in other words, if spouse is a pensioner or Government employee, both will not be entitled to get medical relief or medical allowance, as the case may be, where pensioner opts to come under the Scheme.</p>
2.	<p>A new entrant to Government service and having no G.P.F. number. What procedure will be taken for his/ her enrolment under the Scheme?</p>	<p>New entrants into Government service may be enrolled under the Scheme following the procedure of enrolment as laid down under clause-4 of the Scheme. The Head of the Office/ Cadre Controlling shall issue him/ her “Temporary Family Permit” without any Employee Code till he/ she gets G.P.F. Number.</p>
3.	<p>West Bengal Secretariat Service is a Constituted Service but there is no Service Record Cell under the PAR Department for that Service Officers. Who will issue identity cards to such Service Officers?</p>	<p>Identity Cards to the West Bengal Secretariat Service Officers may be issued by the Administrative Departments with due information to the PAR Department.</p>
4.	<p>Whether animal bite cases will come under the purview of “Injuries caused by accidents” under clause 7(1)(x) of the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008 for reimbursement of the cost of OPD treatment?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

5.	Whether “Registration Charges”, “Service Taxes” charged by empanelled H.C.O.s are reimbursable?	Yes.
6.	Whether the cost of special devices like hearing aid/ artificial appliances, wheel chair, etc. are reimbursable?	Costs of special devices are reimbursable on the basis of the advice of Specialist Surgeons/ Physicians of recognised hospitals.
7.	For treatment of a Govt. employee/ Govt. pensioner and members of his/ her family in a Speciality Hospital outside West Bengal, prior permission of Secretary of the Department is required. Whether consultation of the West Bengal Health Scheme Authority, as stated in Para-10 of the F.D. memo no. 3474-F dt. 11-05-09, is essential in each and every case?	As per Clause-14 of the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008, Secretary of a department may allow a Government employee/ Government pensioner or family members to receive medical treatment in a Speciality Hospital outside the State, as recognised under notification no. 3473-F dt. 11-05-09. But such permission may be given when treatment in such a hospital is essential and referred by a recognised hospital. To determine essentiality of the treatment outside the State the West Bengal Health Scheme Authority should be consulted.
8.	As stated in Para-4 of the F.D. memo no. 3475-F dt. 11-05-09 Pension Sanctioning Authority shall issue enrolment certificate in Form-II in respect of Pensioner/ Family Pensioner and direct the concerned Treasury to discontinue regular monthly medical relief w.e.f. the date mentioned in the	For Pensioners drawing pension from Bank in Kolkata, the Pension Sanctioning Authority shall issue enrolment certificate in Form-II and direct the concerned Bank for discontinuation of monthly medical relief w.e.f. the date mentioned in the enrolment certificate. A copy of the enrolment certificate is to be sent to the A.G. (A. & E.), West Bengal for information.

	enrolment certificate. What procedure is to be followed in case of Pensioners residing in Kolkata and drawing pension direct from Bank?	
9.	Whether State Govt. pensioners residing in a place outside the State are entitled to get the benefits of the West Bengal Health Scheme?	Yes. Such pensioners may contact the concerned Pension Sanctioning Authority for enrolment under the Scheme. Enrolment certificates in those cases should be sent to the A.G. (A. & E.), West Bengal, Treasury Building for taking necessary action towards discontinuation of monthly medical relief w.e.f. the date mentioned in the enrolment certificate.
10.	Whether Government employees retired before 01-06-2009 will be entitled to get the benefits of the West Bengal Health Scheme, 2008?	Yes.

This order shall be deemed to have taken effect from 01-06-2009.

Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal