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**PROVISION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES TO GREF PERSONNEL AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS AT AFMS HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN HARD HARD AREAS, HIGH
ALTITUDE AREAS AND HOSTILE AREAS**

1. A copy of Govt. of India, Min of Defence, letter No. 20214/DGAFMS/DG-3A/1139/22/D (Medical) dated 26 Sep 2023 is emailed herewith.
2. Projects are requested to download the above letter and disseminate up to platoon level for information and compliance please.

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- (i) Copy of above ref Gol letter is enclosed herewith.
- (ii) You are requested to disseminate the same to all the JCDA (BR), ACsDA Projects and AOs BRTF for necessary action accordingly.
- For info alongwith a copy of above Govt. order for your dissemination to all concerned, please.

To

The Director General
Armed Forces Medical Services
Ministry of Defence, New Delhi

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Sir,

In continuation of Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 20214/DGAFMS/DG-3A/111/2020/D(Medical) dated 09.03.2020, I am directed to convey the approval of the President of India for extending medical care facilities from Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) to General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF) personnel and their dependents who are posted in Hard Hard Areas (HHA), High Altitude Areas (HAA) and Hostile Areas (HA).

2. All GREF personnel and their dependents posted to HHA, HAA or HA will report to their Authorized Medical Attendant (AMA) in the first instance. They may be further referred by the AMA to the nearest AFMS healthcare facility subject to the following conditions: -

(a) The facilities can be availed by serving GREF personnel and their dependents only. Dependents for the purpose of medical attendance includes his wife/her husband, wholly dependent parents and the individual's unmarried children, including step children adopted children and widowed daughters who are dependent on the officer. It does not include children adopted by serving GREF personnel, nor the individual's children given away in adoption, nor children adopted by GREF personnel's widower/widow, unless the child was adopted before the personnel became a widower/widow or, unless the personnel has other children who are entitled to medical attendance. The children of a divorced personnel are not included unless the personnel has been made their legal custodian, even though the personnel may contribute to their maintenance. The wife of an GREF personnel legally separated from him and his children (under 18 years) in her custody will also be included, so long as the personnel is responsible for their maintenance. Wholly dependent parents means parents who normally reside with the GREF personnel and whose total monthly income does not exceed Rs 9000/- plus the amount of dearness relief on basic pension of Rs 9000/- as on the date of consideration.

(b) Treatment at AFMS healthcare facilities may be utilized by GREF personnel and their dependents only in HHA, HAA and HA.

(c) Certificate of non-availability of accommodation from civil hospitals will not be required.

(d) Treatment at AFMS healthcare facilities will be limited to the extent as is available locally in non-emergent cases.

(e) The entire expenditure on admission, investigation, treatment and transfer of cases as required will be borne by the BRO through book debit system.

(f) Following superannuation from service, GREF personnel and their dependents would continue to avail the medical facilities under the provisions of CS(MA) Rules 1944 as applicable to Central Govt employees.

3. In the event of life threatening emergency, patients who are on Dangerously Ill/ Seriously Ill List, when specialist services are not available in the local AFMS healthcare facility, the patient may be evacuated to a service hospital within the chain of evacuation where such specialized treatment facilities are available. However, if the particular treatment facility is available at the local civil hospital, treatment options therein must be explored first before a decision to transfer the patient to a Zonal or Command Hospital of the Armed Forces is taken. At a Zonal/ Command Hospital of the AFMS, on resolution of the emergent condition, the patient will be discharged for further convalescent therapy at civil medical institutions, where such facilities are available as per CS (MA) Rules.

4. **Hospital Stoppages**

(a) Hospital Stoppages will be charged at rates as per provisions of Para 298 of RMSAF 2010 (Rev Ver). Cost of treatment including charges for investigations and medications will be as per CGHS prescribed rates.

(b) Any drugs/ consumables purchased locally or specialized investigations undertaken in civil diagnostic centres will be charged on cost to cost basis. (The BRO shall ensure the availability of funds for arranging such investigation/ purchase of drugs and consumables from civil institutions/ local market)

(c) Hospital Stoppages and other bills will be sent to the unit of the patient for settling the same through book transactions, under intimation to all concerned.

5. **Transfer of patients.** In case of emergencies, when transfer of patient to a higher AFMS healthcare facility is recommended, the patient will be transferred by service transport/ rail. All expenditure incurred by the AFMS healthcare facility for patient transport will be borne by BRO. The relevant warrants/ vouchers will be effected 'Debitable to BRO Project.' If air evacuation is requisitioned by the treating AFMS Medical Officer, the same will be charged to BRO.

6. **Medical Boards.** The specialists of the Armed Forces Medical Service will give their opinion with regard to the disability and recommend medical category to GREF personnel posted in HHA, HAA and HA as per the rules of the GREF in force. The GREF shall arrange all sick leave review/ re-categorization boards of these patients.

7. The above provisions will be valid for a period of five years with effect from 26.09.2023 to 25.09.2028 or further revision, whichever is earlier.

8. All letters issued by the Ministry of Defence on the subject in the past stand superseded.

9. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their ID Note No. 209/AG/PD/2023 of RF.3 (20)/2001-AG/PD dated 21.09.2023.



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