

FINANCE [Health Insurance] DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.165, Dated 01st June, 2022.
(Subakiruthu, Vaikasi-18, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2053)

ABSTRACT

COVID-19 claims – Employees and their eligible family members and Pensioners (including spouse)/Family Pensioners – Settlement of COVID-19 claims on reimbursement basis under Non-critical care treatment taken in Non-Network hospitals which is not covered under New Health Insurance Schemes – Sanction from Corpus Fund - Orders – Issued.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.(Ms).No.280, Finance (Salaries) Department, Dated: 24.06.2020.
2. G.O.(Ms).No.281, Finance (Pension) Department, Dated: 24.06.2020.
3. G.O.(D).No.271, Finance (Salaries) Department, Dated: 29.10.2020.
4. Government Letter No.36962 / Finance (Salaries) / 2020, Dated: 11.11.2020
5. G.O.(Ms).No.39, Finance (Health Insurance-I) Department, Dated: 14.02.2022.
6. G.O.(Ms).No.46, Finance (Health Insurance-1) Department, Dated: 21.02.2022.
7. Letter received from Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts Letter Rc.No.15357/NHIS-2/2021, Dated: 29.01.2022, 01.04.2022 and 07.04.2022.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued to avail medical assistance for Critical care under New Health Insurance Scheme and in respect of Non-Critical care COVID-19 positive cases, the Government has authorized the United India Insurance Company Limited to form two separate Corpus Fund of Rs.5.00 crore and Rs.2.50 crore for treatment in empanelled hospitals respectively. The Corpus Funds will be recouped from the Government as and when required.

2. In the G.O. sixth read above, amendment has been issued to the G.O. first read above as follows:-

4(iv) Payment to non-empanelled hospital: United India Insurance Company Limited shall make payment as per the rates in para 4(i) for critical care for COVID positive cases even in non-empanelled hospitals, as these treatments will come under the Emergency clause of New Health Insurance Scheme, such claims made are exempted from placing in District

Level Empowered Committee. The United India Insurance Company Limited shall settle the claims accordingly.

3. In the reference seventh read above, the Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts has pointed out that the claims for the Non-Critical COVID-19 treatment taken in Non-Network hospital claims which are not covered in the Government Orders were returned to the individuals indicating that the claims were rejected. It is ascertained from United India Insurance Company Limited, Chennai that approximately 1,044 COVID-19 claims has been returned to the office of Commissionerate and that 884 claims pertains to Non-Critical treatment taken in Non-Network Hospitals. The balance 160 claims relates to the Critical treatment taken in Non-Network hospitals which are to be placed in District Level Empowered Committee as these claims are covered under New Health Insurance Scheme and regarding the quantum involved in these 884 Non-Critical COVID-19 treatment taken in Non-Network hospitals, they have not assessed the expected claim amount as the claim was not processed. The average per claim paid for non-critical treatment taken in empanelled hospitals works out to approximately Rs.65,480/- based on which the approximate total amount would be Rs.5.79 crores.

4. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts has also pointed out that on perusal of various Non-critical and Non-Network COVID-19 medical reimbursement claims, it is observed that the amount of medical expenses incurred by the petitioner varies from Rs.45,000/- to a maximum of Rs.3,00,000/- and on an average in respect of Non-Critical care COVID-19 cases for treatment taken in Non-Network hospitals, the expenditure incurred is around Rs.1,00,000/- per claim based on which the approximate total amount required would be around Rs.10.00 crores [Rs.4.00 crore for Employees and Rs.6.00 crore for Pensioners].

5. In respect of the treatment taken by the Government Employees and their eligible family members and Pensioners (including spouse)/Family Pensioners under COVID-19 Non-Critical care treatment taken in Non-Network hospital, the claim made by the employees and pensioners under this category is neither covered under New Health Insurance Scheme nor under Corpus Fund. Due to this, certain Employees / Pensioners have also filed Writ Petitions to sanction the amount incurred by them and such cases are still pending in the Hon'ble High Court.

6. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders for sanction of eligible expenditure incurred for COVID-19 Non-Critical treatment taken by Government Employees and their eligible family members and Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners in Non-Network Hospitals to avoid unnecessary litigations filed against Government.

7. During the pandemic period as there was a great demand for admission in the hospital for COVID-19 cases, the Government Employees and Pensioners were left with no other option but to take treatment in a Government recognized private hospital which are not covered under the Network hospitals listed under the New Health Insurance Scheme. Hence, it is decided to consider the proposal of Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts to sanction the claims in respect of the Employees/Pensioners for

Non-Critical COVID care treatment taken in Non-Network hospitals based on the rates fixed by the Government in the G.O. first read above.

8. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, have decided to accept the same and accordingly issue the following orders:-

(i) Sanction is accorded for an adhoc amount of Rs.10.00 crore (Rupees ten crore only) to clear the claims of the eligible expenses incurred by the Government Employees and their eligible family members and Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners under Non-Critical COVID care treatment undertaken in Non-Network hospitals by creating two Corpus Funds one for Rs.6.00 crore [Rupees six crore only] for Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners and Rs.4.00 crore [Rupees four crore only] for Government Employees and their eligible family members considering the welfare of the Employees/ Pensioners. There shall be no change in the existing modalities followed in respect of reimbursement claims settled by United India Insurance Company Limited from the funds released by Government under these Corpus Fund.

(ii) Government Employees/Pensioners who have already taken treatment for Non-Critical COVID care in Non-empanelled Hospitals from 01.03.2020 to till date are directed to submit their claims for reimbursements by applying to the Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts shall forward the applications along with documents to the United India Insurance Company Limited to reimburse the eligible amount from the Corpus Fund provided by the Government as is followed as per the G.Os first and second read above without reference to the District Level Empowered Committee.

9. The contribution of Rs.4.00 crore to Corpus Fund under New Health Insurance Scheme for Employees and their eligible family members sanctioned in **para 8** above, shall be debited in **Demand No.16-02** under the following new head of account:-

2075-00: Miscellaneous General Services
800: Other Expenditure
State's Expenditure
JL: Corpus Fund for re-imburement of COVID-19
Non-critical treatment taken in Non-empanelled
Hospitals listed under New Health Insurance Scheme
for Government Employees and their eligible family
members.
310: Contributions
01: Contribution to Specific Fund
[IFHRMS D.P.C. 2075 00 800 JL 31001]

10. The contribution of Rs.6.00 crore to Corpus Fund under New Health Insurance Scheme for Pensioners (including spouse)/ Family Pensioner sanctioned in **para 8** above, shall be debited in **Demand No.50-01** under the following new head of account:-

2071: PENSION AND OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS
01: Civil
800: Other Expenditure
State's Expenditure
AQ: Corpus Fund for re-imburement of COVID-19
Non-critical treatment taken in
Non-empanelled Hospitals listed under New Health
Insurance Scheme for Pensioners (including
spouse)/Family Pensioners
310: Contributions
01: Contribution to Specific Fund
[IFHRMS D.P.C. 2071 01 800 AQ 31001]

11. Necessary funds of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rs.4.00 crore for Employees and Rs.6.00 crore for Pensioners) for will be provided in Revised Estimates / Final Modified Appropriation, 2022-2023 to meet the expenditure sanctioned in **para 8** above. Pending provision of such funds, the Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai is authorized to incur the expenditure. However, the above expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislative Assembly by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates for the year 2022-2023. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts is directed to include the above expenditure while sending the budget proposals for Revised Estimates / Final Modified Appropriation 2022-2023 and also to send draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2022-2023 to Finance (Public/BGM/BG-I) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

12. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts is instructed to issue necessary instructions in this regard to all the Treasury Officers/ Sub Treasury Officers to follow the above revised procedure in settling the claims made by Employees and Pensioners/Family Pensioners who claim reimbursement for the COVID-19 Non-Critical treatment taken in Non-empanelled hospitals under Insurance Scheme.

13. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts is the Estimating Reconciling and controlling authority for the above new head of account. The Pay and Account Officer/Treasury Officer concerned is directed to open the above new head of accounts in their books.

14. This order issues with the ASL No.0302 (Three hundred and two).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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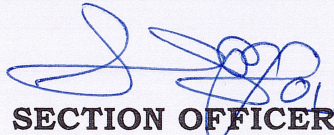
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