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### **AUTHORISATION OF WHITE CARD AND REGULATION OF PRIORITY**

1. Refer the following:-

- (a) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 04 Jun 2010.
- (b) B/49711/AG/ECHS dated 29 Mar 2011.
- (c) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 12 Dec 2013.
- (d) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS(i) dated 17 Oct 2014.
- (e) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2015 dated 31 Oct 2016.
- (f) B/49701-PR/Gen/AG/ECHS/2017 dated 31 May 2017.
- (g) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2018 dated 08 Jan 2018.

2. **Introduction.** The Smart Card Project was initiated in the year 2003 and since its inception, ECHS beneficiaries were provided with ECHS Smart Cards for availing ECHS facilities at ECHS Polyclinics and Empanelled Hospitals. Some category of veterans and beneficiaries were issued with 'White Cards' to regulate medical treatment and / or priority in queuing.

3. **White Cards.** Apart from the normal ECHS Smart Cards, a visually different Smart Card was provided to certain category of beneficiaries. These Smart Cards were white in colour and were commonly known as 'White Card'. The following category of beneficiaries were provided White Cards:-

- (a) War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans.
- (b) Spouses of War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans.
- (c) PWD Disabled Dependents as per eligibility under Persons With Disability Act (PWD) – 1995.

4. **Eligibility Conditions.** The eligibility conditions for the White Card are listed below:-

(a) **For War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans.** Any veteran who has lost his limbs in War / Battle was given this card to get priority. Veteran was required to produce / upload letter certifying War / Battle Disability from Records.

Auth: (i) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 04 Jun 2010.

(ii) B/49711/AG/ECHS dated 29 Mar 2011.

(iii) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS dated 12 Dec 2013.

(b) **For Spouses of War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans.** The spouses of War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans are extended with the facility of White Card for availing Priority treatment.

Auth: B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS(i) dated 17 Oct 2014

(c) **For PWD Act 1995 Disabled Dependents.** Dependents who are disabled as per PWD Act 1995 are eligible for treatment beyond 25 years of age (applicable for married sons and unmarried minor brothers, however, income criteria still makes them ineligible if they are earning more than the income limit which is now Rs. 9,000/- pm less DA). The person should not be in a condition to earn his livelihood as stipulated. The disabilities as per PWD Act 1995 are specified as under:-

- (i) Blindness; (ii) Low vision; (iii) Leprosy-cured; (iv) Hearing impairment;
- (v) Loco Motor Disability; (vi) Mental retardation and (v) Mental illness.

Auth: (i) B/49701-PR/Gen/AG/ECHS/2017 dated 31 May 2017.

(ii) B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2018 dated 08 Jan 2018.

(c) **PWD Act 2016.** As per PWD Act 2016, a total of 21 disabilities have been identified for extension of the said benefits which were limited to only seven disabilities under PWD Act 1995. However, the case for inclusion of these disabilities as per PWD Act 2016 is under process at MoD (DoESW) and shall be included as and when approved by competent authority. The list of disabilities as specified in PWD Act 2016 are as under:-

- (i) Blindness; (ii) Low vision; (iii) Leprosy-cured persons; (iv) Hearing impairment (deaf and hard hearing); (v) Loco Motor Disability; (vi) Dwarfism;
- (vii) Intellectual Disability; (viii) Mental illness; (ix) Autism Spectrum Disorder; (x) Cerebral Palsy; (xi) Muscular Dystrophy; (xii) Chronic Neurological conditions; (xiii) Specific Learning Disabilities; (xiv) Multiple Sclerosis; (xv) Speech and Language Disability; (xvi) Thalassemia; (xvii) Hemophillia; (xviii) Sickle Cell Disease; (xix) Multiple Disabilities including deaf, blindness; (xx) Acid Attack Victim and (xxi) Parkinson's Disease.



5. **Priority Treatment.** As per existing provisions, the following category of beneficiaries were provided Priority Treatment at ECHS polyclinics:-

- (a) War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans (White Card Holders).
- (b) Spouses of War Disabled / Battle Casualty Veterans (White Card Holders).
- (c) PWD disabled dependents (White Card Holders).
- (d) Elderly veterans (Over 70 years at age for female & 75 years for male) (Normal Smart Card Holder). (Auth: B/49701-PR/AG/ECHS/2015 dated 31 Oct 2016)

#### **Old ECHS Smart Cards & Allocation of Priority**

6. In the old system, there was no way to allocate priorities through an automated system. Hence, the cards where the priority was required to be given to beneficiaries were made visually different (white in colour). The essential requirement of providing a visually different card was primarily to give priority in queue and also to distinctly identify dependents who are more than 25 years of age, who have been provided membership due to disabilities as listed out in PWD Act 1995, even though they have crossed the age limit criteria i.e. 25 years of age.

7. Allocation of priority in treatment is essentially related to queue management so that war disabled veterans and their spouses, PWD disabled dependents and elderly veterans (70 years female & 75 years male) are given priority in treatment at ECHS Polyclinics.

#### **New ECHS Smart Cards & Allocation of Priority.**

8. (a) In the new Smart Card System, this priority allocation will be regulated through the automated queue management system which is being deployed at all ECHS Polyclinics as part of new Smart Card Project.

(b) PWD disabled dependents will be provided with **'White Card'** to distinctly identify them as it enhances their entitlement besides giving priority while for the War Disabled veterans and their spouses, the cards will bear a water mark of **'War Disabled'** on the cards to ensure that they get priority. In the event where manual intervention is required due to power failure or internet connectivity issues, this visual distinction of cards will allow them Priority from other veterans.

(c) The date of birth of the beneficiary is being printed on the card, hence, priority related to age can be managed with this endorsement. Since age related priority keeps getting added with increase in age, the same is not being printed on cards.

Government of India guidelines in current scenario of Covid-19 to ensure health and safety of the students.

3. Students are also required to adhere to the guidelines and maintain the Social Distancing and hygiene to ensure safety and health of their own and the fellow students.
4. Any student who is not able to appear in the Term-End Examination for Covid-19 related reasons or any other reason will be permitted to appear in the December 2020 Term-End Examination of the University. The Examination Fee submitted by the student towards the June 2020 TEE will be adjusted for the December 2020 TEE. That is, the student will not be required to pay the Examination Fee afresh for the courses, which she/he has already registered for June 2020 TEE.
5. The Question Paper of a few programmes/courses in this TEE will be Objective Type and OMR based.
6. In view of the prevailing Covid-19 scenario across the country, some students may not get the desired Examination Centre. The University has tried to accommodate such students in a nearby Examination Centre mentioned in their Hall Ticket.
7. Every day, the Examination will be held in two sessions, i.e. Morning Session from 10 AM to 1 PM and Evening Session from 2 PM to 5 PM.
8. Hall Tickets of the eligible students will be available on the University web site soon. The students are advised to visit the University website regularly and download their Hall Ticket and follow the instructions printed on the Hall Ticket.
9. Students may note that there can be a possibility of last minute change of examination Centre due to Covid-19 situation or any other reason. In such a condition, the University will take appropriate remedial measures. The affected students are advised to be in touch with their respective Regional Centers.

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