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P.O. New Forest, Dehradun – 248 006 (Uttarakhand)

No. 57-20/2012-ICFRE

Dated the 14 February, 2013.

To

- 1. All Director of the Institutes of ICFRE.
- 2. The DDG(Admin), ICFRE.

Sub: Approved minutes of the meeting of the committee for finalisation of modalities for implementation of ICFREPHS.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of the committee for finalisation of modalities for implementation of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Pensioners Health Scheme (ICFREPHS) for kind information and further necessary action.

The bank account pertaining to ICFREPHS will be operated by the Under Secretary, Pension Cell under the Administrative and Financial control of the Dy. Director General (Admin), ICFRE.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As stated above.

Sudhanshu Gupta) Secretary, ICFRE Proceedings of the meeting of the committee for finalization of modalities for the implementation of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Pensioners Health Scheme (ICFREPHS)

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In pursuance of the Committee constituted by the Director General, ICFRE vide Notification No.57-20/2012-ICFRE dated 14.01.2013 for finalization of modalities for the implementation of the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education Pensioners Health Scheme (ICFREPHS), the first meeting of the Committee was held on 21.01.2013 in the ICFRE Committee Room under the Chairmanship of Shri Sudhir Kumar, Scientist 'F'/Special Director (EM).

The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Dr. M.S. Rana, CMO Incharge New Forest Hospital.

2. Shri R.C.Pali, Retired E&AO

 Shri Narender Kumar, Assistant, DDO(Admin) Office, ICFRE

4. Shri J.P.S.Rana, Chief Pharmacist New Forest Hospital, FRI

5. Shri R.S.Sharma, Under Secretary Directorate of Admin. ICFRE

Special Invitee

(Co-opted) Member

Member

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Member-Secretary

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At the onset, the Chairman welcomed the members and briefed about salient feature of **ICFREPHS** and the scope of the committee laid down in the notification dated 14.01.2013. The following points were discussed at striatum.

1. To frame modalities for opening of ICFREPHS Account in ICFRE (Hqrs.) and payment of medical claims of ICFRE Pensioners.

The Committee discussed the matter in detail and decided that a separate Bank Account may be opened at the ICFRE (Hqrs.) level in Union Bank of India, Forest Research Institute Branch, P.O. New Forest, Dehradun in the name of "ICFREPHS" under the overall administrative and financial control of Deputy Director General (Admin.). ICFRE. The said Account shall be operated by the Drawing & Disbursing Officer (Admin.), ICFRE or the Under Secretary, Pension Cell duly authorized by the competent authority for such purposes, as per the approved procedure and guidelines on the subject.

The medical reimbursement claims in respect of the member of ICFREPHS may be examined/scrutinised and paid by the Institutes concerned after observing all required procedures and rules and then subsequently claim reimbursement from the

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ICFRE Hqrs. duly certificated by the concerned Head of Office while forwarding such reimbursement claims.

Institutions/Labs. Hospitals/Medical Recognition/empanelment of 2. Pathological Tests, for indoor/OPD treatment of pensioners and their in consultation with the Directors dependent family members Institutes/Centres.

The committee discussed in detail this vital issue and requested Dr. M.S. Rana, CMO In-charge, New Forest Hospital to extend his cooperation to negotiate with the recognized Hospitals under CGHS as well as other specialized Hospitals in Dehradun for secking their consent-cum-agreement for providing cashless medical treatment facility to the pensioners and their dependent family members under ICFREPHS as per prescribed rates of CGHS and claim reimbursement from ICFREPHS Account through DDG(Admin.). ICFRE or Director, FRI Dehradun, as the case may be, as per provisions and rules on the subject.

The committee also authorized Shri J.P.S. Rana, Chief Pharmacist, New Forest Hospital, FRI and Shri Narender Kumar, Assistant, Office of DDO (Admin.), ICFRE to contact Hospitals/Pathological Labs. as approved by CGHS and seek their willingness for extending the facilities to ICFRE pensioners and their dependent family members on the similar terms and conditions of CGHS..

The Chairman authorized the Member Secretary of the Committee of ICFREPHS to correspond with the Directors of Institutes under ICFRE for obtaining all information/documents in respect of Hospitals/Laboratories who may be interested to allow cashless treatment facility to the pensioners, on prescribed rates/packages of CGHS rates and put up all such proposals received in a consolidated form before the Committee for consideration for finalization, as per rules.

Registration of Pensioners/Payment of contribution for the enrolment of 3. beneficiaries.

The Committee is of the view that the application format of CGHS with modification as per requirement for registration/payment of contributions for enrolment in the ICFREPHS Scheme may be evolved and adopted in ICFRE after the same has been approved by the competent authority with any suggested modification for the beneficiary of the scheme. It has also been discussed that the optees for ICFREPHS can enrol for a period of one/two/or three years or so, similar to CGHS. However, in case he/she wants to continue further in the scheme and desire to become member for life time, he/she will require to pay the contribution for remaining period restricted up to 10 years for availing medical facility as exist in the CGHS scheme.

4. Issue of Membership Identity Cards.

The Committee decided to issue ICFREPHS medical treatment cards to every member of the scheme. The format of the card may be adopted as per card issued by the CGHS, with any modification, as per requirement for the beneficiaries of the scheme.

5. Modalities for making payment direct to Hospitals/medical Institutions/Laboratories for treatment in respect of indoor and OPD treatment.

As discussed in para 2 above, the Committee is in process to obtain willingness of recognized hospitals recognised under CGHS and other specialized hospitals for providing cashless medical facility to the pensioners of ICFRE as per prescribed rates of CGHS. Dr. M.S. Rana, CMO New Forest Hospital clarified that the pensioners will also be entitled for medical treatment from State Government Hospitals where costless facilities are not available and in such cases individual concerned is required to make the payment for the medical treatment availed and cost on which can be claimed for reimbursement of the bills from ICFREPHS account as per the approved norms and approved rates for the recognised hospitals as per the provisions of the Rules.

After detailed discussion and taking into consideration of all factors in light of rules and guidelines as available under CGHS, the Committee recommends modalities for making payment as follows:

- (1) The ICFREPHS Account shall be monitored and exercise control centrally by the DDG (Admin.) ICFRE, Dehradun for all such matters that may be covered by relevant provisions and rules on the subject.
- (2) A full fledged Cell for this purpose may be created and set up in ICFRE (Hqrs.) for dealing with all matters related to enrolment of pensioners in ICFREPHS, issue of cards, matters concerning to payment and reimbursement of claims to Institutes and maintaining proper records. The proposed Cell may be under the control of DDO (Admin.) ICFRE or Under Secretary Pension Cell, as may be authorised by the competent authority to discharge the duties as provided for ICFREPHS.

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Setting up of machinery for scrutinizing medical bills/Medical TA bills for 6. reimbursement etc.

The Committee also recommends that scrutinizing all medical bills/medical TAs and reimbursement to the Institutes concerned may be dealt with by proposed Cell as stated vide para 5 above.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. M.S. Rana) Special Invitee

(R.C.Fali) Member

(Narender Kumar)

Member

Member

(R.S. Sharma) Member-Secretary

(Sudhir Kumar) Chairman

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Dated: January, 2013

Copy along with a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held on 21.01.2013 forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

✓1. Secretary, ICFRE

2. All Members of the Committee

3. Administrative Officer DG's Office, ICFRE.

(R.S. SHARMA)

Member-Secretary, ICFREPHS & Under Secretary (Admin.), ICFRE