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Headquarters in letter no. 198 staff entitlement Rules /A.R./08- 2025 dated 23/09/2026 and letter no. 199 staff entitlement (Rules)/A.R./08-2025 dated 23/09/2026 had forwarded OM File No. S.11030/54/2023-EHS(8248513)/I/2026 dated 1/9/26 and file No. Z.16025/ 227/2026/CGHS-III/EHS (821134) dated 17/9/26 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare department, Department of Health and Family Welfare (EHS Section) regarding relaxation in age and marital status criteria for dependent sons and brothers suffering from critical/ terminal illnesses under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944 for Central Government employees and eligibility of serving Central Government employees for availing CGHS facilities respectively.

The above said OMs are enclosed for reference.

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परिपत्र संख्या –8

मुख्यालय ने अपने पत्र संख्या 198 स्टाफ पात्रता नियम स्टाफ हकदारी नियम) /A.R./08-2025 दिनांक 23/09/2026 और पत्र संख्या 199 स्टाफ पात्रता (नियम) /A.R./08-2025 दिनांक 23/09/2026 के माध्यम से स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग द्वारा जारी कार्यालय ज्ञापन फाइल संख्या S.11030/54/2023-EHS(8248513)/I/2026 दिनांक 1/9/26 और फाइल संख्या Z.16025/227/2026/CGHS-III/EHS (821134) दिनांक 17/9/26 को अग्रेषित किया है। यह कार्यालय ज्ञापन क्रमशः केंद्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिए CGHS/CS(MA) नियम, 1944 के तहत गंभीर/लाइलाज बीमारियों से पीड़ित आश्रित बेटों और भाइयों के लिए आयु और वैवाहिक स्थिति के मानदंडों में छूट देने, तथा सेवारत केंद्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों की CGHS सुविधाओं का लाभ उठाने की पात्रता के संबंध में है।

उपरोक्त कार्यालय ज्ञापन संदर्भ के लिए संलग्न हैं।

(यह निदेशक/प्रशासन के अनुमोदन से जारी किया गया है)

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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(EHS Section)
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Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi
Dated: 01-09-2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Relaxation in age and marital status criteria for dependent sons and brothers suffering from critical/terminal illnesses under CGHS/CS(MA) Rules, 1944 – reg.

In the light of the subject pertaining to critical/terminal illnesses, the following modifications shall come into force. The details of modifications/relaxations is as follows:

2. As per the extant CGHS guidelines, an unmarried dependent son is eligible for CGHS facilities up to the age of 25 years, subject to the prescribed conditions. A permanently disabled unmarried son is eligible for CGHS facilities for life, subject to the applicable conditions. Similarly, a dependent brother is ordinarily eligible up to the age of 18 years, while a disabled dependent brother may be covered without any age limit.

3. At present, dependent daughters and sisters are already eligible for CGHS facilities, subject to fulfilment of prescribed conditions. Divorced/abandoned/separated from husband/widowed daughters and sisters are also eligible for CGHS facilities under the existing provisions.

4. With the approval of the competent authority, it has now been decided that CGHS/medical attendance facilities may be extended for life to those dependent sons and brothers, who are suffering from critical/terminal illnesses, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed dependency conditions and assessment by the competent Medical Board. Accordingly, the following provisions shall be applicable:

(i) **Indicative nature of illnesses:** The provisions are intended to cover chronic, severe, critical or terminal illnesses resulting in substantial and continuing functional impairment or inability to earn a livelihood/self-sufficiency. These may, inter alia, include advanced or life-threatening malignancies, severe neurological disorders, end-stage organ diseases requiring long-term treatment/support, severe congenital or genetic disorders, and other chronic multi-system or debilitating conditions of comparable severity.

(ii) **Eligibility:** Eligibility shall be determined on a case-to-case basis, taking into account the chronic/severe/critical or terminal nature of the disease, extent of functional impairment in day-to-day life, ability of the dependent to earn a livelihood or attain self-sufficiency and continuing dependency. In cases involving multi-system diseases or complex medical conditions, the concerned specialist(s) shall assess the clinical condition and functional impairment.

(iii) **CGHS beneficiaries:** In the case of CGHS beneficiaries, eligibility shall be assessed and recommended by decentralised Medical Boards to be constituted at the level of Additional Directors/CGHS Regional Headquarters, as applicable. An Appellate Medical Board shall be constituted at CGHS Headquarters for consideration of appeals/references against the recommendations of the decentralised Medical Boards.

(iv) **CS(MA) beneficiaries:** In the case of beneficiaries covered under the CS(MA) Rules, 1944, eligibility shall be assessed and recommended by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

(v) **Marital status:** Marriage shall not constitute a ground for cessation of CGHS/medical attendance facilities in respect of a dependent son or brother covered under these provisions, whether on account of critical/terminal illness or permanent disability, provided the prescribed dependency conditions continue to be satisfied and the competent Medical Board/authority recommends continuation of coverage.

(vi) **Scope of relaxation:** The relaxation of the marital-status condition shall not result in any expansion of the definition of "family" under the applicable rules. The benefit shall remain confined to the eligible dependent son or brother and shall not extend to his spouse or children.

(vii) **Review of medical criteria:** The medical criteria and disease profile for such cases shall be treated as a living framework and may be periodically reviewed/revised by the designated CGHS Board in consultation with appropriate medical specialists.

This has the approval of the competent authority. These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

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F. No. Z.16025/227/2026/CGHS-III/EHS(8421134)
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(EHS Section)
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Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi
Dated: 17-09-2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Eligibility of serving Central Government employees for availing CGHS facilities

The undersigned is directed to refer to MH&FW O.M. no. C.14012/02/2018/CGHS-III/DIR dated 06.04.2018 on the subject above, which stated that, CGHS coverage was restricted to serving beneficiaries, residing/working within 5 km radius of a CGHS Wellness Centre. Where such demarcations were not specified, the Additional Director, CGHS of concerned city shall notify such areas covered under CGHS Wellness Centres. Employee living within the limits of the Municipal Corporation concerned but beyond 5 km radius of a CGHS Wellness Centre and is otherwise a CS(MA) beneficiary, has the option to avail CGHS facility.

2. The matter has since been reviewed in view of the difficulties faced by serving Central Government employees residing/posted either outside the above prescribed geographical coverage of CGHS or in a city not covered by CGHS. It has been decided to totally dispense with the existing geographical criterion for determining eligibility of serving Central Government employees, for availing CGHS facilities.

3. Therefore, the serving Central Government employees who are residing outside the prescribed area and presently availing facility under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 solely on account of their residence/posting outside the geographical coverage of CGHS, may exercise one-time option to be a CGHS beneficiary, subject to fulfilment of other applicable eligibility conditions and payment of the prescribed CGHS contribution/subscription.

4. Serving Central Government employees residing or posted within the CGHS Covered Area i.e. limits of district headquarters in which CGHS Wellness Centres is situated, shall mandatorily be covered under CGHS and shall not be entitled to opt out of CGHS in favour of medical facilities under the CS(MA) Rules, 1944.

5. The option referred to in para 3 above shall be subject to the following conditions:

i. The option shall be a one-time and once exercised, shall be final and binding, subject to the applicable eligibility criterion.
ii. The option exercised by the principal beneficiary shall apply to all dependents. The entitlement shall not be split between the two systems within the family.
iii. An employee opting for CGHS shall continue to pay the prescribed CGHS

contribution/subscription, irrespective of the place of residence or posting.

iv. An employee/family covered under CGHS shall not simultaneously avail or claim medical facilities under CS(MA), and vice versa.

v. No TA/DA shall be applicable on account of availing treatment and procurement of medicine, under CGHS Rules.

vi. The employee shall furnish an undertaking that neither he/she nor any eligible family member shall avail benefits under both systems. Any inadmissible benefit availed under both systems shall be liable for recovery in accordance with the applicable rules.

6. Employees who do not exercise the option to come under CGHS, where such option is available under this OM, shall continue to be governed by the CS(MA) Rules, 1944, as applicable.

7. Any employee/beneficiary furnishing false, incorrect, suppressed or misleading information for the purpose of obtaining or continuing CGHS benefits, shall be liable for appropriate disciplinary action under the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and other applicable rules, as amended from time to time, in addition to recovery of any inadmissible benefit availed on the basis of such information.

8. The provisions of this OM shall come into force with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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ANNEXURE

(Option and Undertaking Form for Serving Central Government Employees)

I. OPTION FORM

1. Name of the Employee: _____
2. Designation & Pay Level: _____
3. Ministry / Department / Office: _____
4. Present Residential Address: _____
5. District & State of Residence: _____

I hereby exercise my **one-time option** to switch from coverage under the **CS(MA) Rules, 1944** to the **Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)** without geographical limitation, in terms of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare OM No. Z.16025/227/2026/CGHS-III/EHS(8421134) dated 17-09-2026.

II. UNDERTAKING

I hereby undertake that:

1. Neither I nor any member of my eligible family shall simultaneously claim or avail medical facilities/reimbursements under the CS(MA) Rules, 1944 once enrolled under CGHS.
2. I authorize my Head of Office / DDO to deduct the prescribed monthly CGHS subscription from my pay and allowances on a continuous basis.
3. I understand that no TA/DA shall be admissible for traveling to avail treatment/medicines under CGHS.
4. I am aware that furnishing false/misleading information or claiming dual benefits shall render me liable for recovery and disciplinary action under the applicable Conduct Rules.

Date: _____

Place: _____

(Signature of the Employee)

Countersigned by Head of Office / DDO

(With Seal & Stamp)