

Instructions regarding issue of Medicines to the CGHS Beneficiaries for Chronic Illness, Reiterated

I am directed to say that as per existing instructions, the Central Government servants/pensioners who are availing of medical facilities under the Central Government Health Scheme and are **suffering from chronic illnesses like diabetes, tuberculosis, heart ailment, hypertension, I.H.D., epilepsy, etc., can be issued medicines for a period of three months at a time** by the Officer-in-charge of the CGHS dispensary, provided the specialist has prescribed the medicine for a long period. This Ministry has been receiving complaints from the patients suffering fro long term diseases and the Pensioners Organizations, etc., that the patients are not being issued medicines for a period of three months at a time and they have go to the dispensary every month for issue of the requisite medicines.

2. In order to alleviate the hardships being faced by such CGHS beneficiaries, **CMO-in-charge of the CGHS dispensaries all over the country are requested to issue them medicines for a period of 3 months at a time against the individual valid prescription containing the advice of the Government specialist.** They may, however, satisfy themselves of the circumstances for the period for which the medicines are issued.

3. The CMO-in-charge may also maintain the records indicating all such cases where medicines are issued to CGHS beneficiaries for a long period along with the name of the beneficiary, diagnosis and justification for issue of medicines.

4. The above-mentioned orders are also being circulated to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for general information of all the CGHS beneficiaries.