

FINANCE (Pension) DEPARTMENT

Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

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From

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All Departments of Secretariat, Chennai-600 009. All Heads of Departments. The Legislative Assembly Secretariat, Chennai-9. The Secretary to the Governor, Chennai-600 032. The Comptroller, Governor's Household, Raj Bhavan, Chennai-600 022. All District Collectors / All District Judges / All Chief Judicial Magistrates. All State Public Sector Undertakings. All State Owned Statutory Boards / Corporations. All State Government Universities. All State Govt. Organisations / Institutions registered under the Tamil Nadu Registration of Societies Act, 1975. All Municipal Corporation Commissioners. All Municipal Commissioners. / All Panchayat Union Commissioners. All Town Panchavat Executive Officers. The Accountant General (A&E) Chennai-600 018. The Accountant General (Audit-I) Chennai-600 018. The Accountant General (Audit-II) Chennai-600 018. The Accountant General (CAB) Chennai-9 / Madurai. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15. The Pension Pay Officer, Chennai-6. / All Pay and Accounts Officers. All Treasury Officers / All Sub-Treasury Officers. The United India Insurance Company Limited, Chennai-600 006. All Head Offices / Regional Offices of PSBs / All Public Sector Banks through the Director of Pension, Chennai-6. The Reserve Bank of India. Chennai-600 001. The Convener, State Level Bankers' Committee-Tamil Nadu, Indian Overseas Bank, Central Officer, 703, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002. Sir, Sub: MEDICAL AID - New Health Insurance Scheme, 2014 for Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners Clarification - Issued.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.171, Finance (Pension) Department, Dated 26-06-2014.

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I am to invite your attention to the reference cited wherein orders were issued implementing New Health Insurance Scheme, 2014 for Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners with effect from 1-7-2014. Representations have been received seeking clarification on certain points in the implementation of the above scheme.

2. I am directed to issue the following clarifications in this regard:

(a) Refund of wrongful/excess subscriptions recovered from certain categories of Pensioners / Family Pensioners: (i) The scheme is compulsory for all Pensioners / Family Pensioners. Accordingly, subscriptions are recovered from all Pensioners / Family Pensioners. However, options are to be exercised for certain categories mentioned below:

- i) All India Service (AIS) Pensioner.
- ii) A Pensioner who is a recipient of All India Service (AIS) Family Pension.
- iii) If the spouse of the Pensioner is a State Government Employee.
- iv) If both Husband and Wife are Pensioners.
- v) If a Pensioner is also a Family Pensioner.
- vi) If an individual draws more than one Family Pension.

(ii) Where subscriptions had been recovered in respect of categories (i) to (iii) above, in cases where option has been exercised not to avail assistance under this scheme and where subscriptions had been recovered from both the retired persons and in respect of categories (iv) to (vi) above who have exercised their option that subscriptions may be recovered from one of the Pensioner / Family Pensioner as per their option exercised, the Pension Disbursing Authorities are directed to refund such wrongful/excess recovery of subscriptions, if any, to such Pensioners / Family Pensioners after ensuring the fact and satisfying that such wrongful/excess subscription were recovered against the spirit of the G.O. so as to avoid hardship to the Pensioners / Family Pensioners. The refund of such subscriptions shall be debited to the following new Receipt Head of Account by the Pension Disbursing Authorities in respect of Pensioners / Family Pensioners under Pilot Scheme:

"0075.00.	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL SERVICES
900.	Deduct - Refunds
AG.	Refund of Subscription from Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners towards New Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), 2014.
	(D.P.C. 0075 00 900 AG 0009)"

(iii) The Director/Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority for the above said new head of account. The Pension Pay Officer, Chennai / District Treasury Officers / Sub-Treasury Officers are requested to open the above new sub-head in their books.

(iv) In respect of Pensioners / Family Pensioners drawing pension/family pension under the Public Sector Bank Scheme, the Branch Manager of the Bank concerned shall be permitted to credit the refund amount on wrongful/excess subscriptions recovered in the account of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners immediately and claim reimbursement thereon in the usual manner as followed for the payment of pension/family pension.

(b) Enrolment of Government servant who is suspended and not permitted to retire from service but retained in service under F.R.56(i)(c) on the date of superannuation: Such of the employees mentioned above may submit their filled in Application Form prescribed in Annexure-IV to the G.O. cited to the Pay and Accounts Officers / Treasury Officers / Sub-Treasury Officers concerned for Self Drawing Officers and Head of Office / Pay Drawing Officers concerned for Non-Self Drawing Officers where the subsistence allowances are received. The authorities concerned shall scrutinise the Forms and furnish the certificate to the effect that the applicant is drawing subsistence allowance through their office and that the monthly subscription amount shall be recovered and credited into the revenue head of account. A copy of the same may be furnished to such employees duly signed by the authorities concerned. The authorities concerned should also forward the Form directly to the United India Insurance Company, Chennai with due acknowledgement. Such of the employees under suspension as mentioned above can avail treatment under New Health Insurance Scheme, 2014 for Pensioners (including spouse) / Family Pensioners by furnishing a copy of the filled in Form duly signed by the authorities concerned.

(c) Enrolment of Pensioners / Family Pensioners who are entitled for Pension / Family Pension and where provisional pension/family pension were not sanctioned from the next month of retirement/death of Government servant while in service: Such of the Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall submit their filled in Application Form prescribed as in Annexure-IV to the G.O. cited in duplicate to Pension Sanctioning Authorities concerned. The Pension Sanctioning Authority shall scrutinise the Forms and furnish a certificate to the effect that the applicant is eligible for pension / family pension and that the monthly subscription amount will be recovered subsequently on sanction of pension / family pension and credited into the relevant revenue head of account. A copy of the filled in Form may be furnished to such Pensioners / Family Pensioners duly signed by the authorities concerned. The authorities concerned shall forward the Form directly to the United India Insurance Company, Chennai with due acknowledgement. Such of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners mentioned above can avail treatment by furnishing a copy of the filled in Form duly signed by the authorities concerned. Recovery of the subscription due from the pension / family pension at the time of sanction of arrears of pension / family pension vests with the Pension Disbursing Authority including Bank Manager concerned who should ensure that the arrears of subscriptions is credited into the relevant Revenue Receipt Head of Account.

Yours faithfully,

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for **PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

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