Government of Jammu and Kashmir Finance Department, (Codes Division) Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar ******

Subject:- Extension of CGHS facilities to the Pensioners under Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (UT) Administration—regarding.

<u>CIRCULAR</u>

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, vide OM No. Z.16025/03/2021/CGHS-III/EHS dated 13.11.2023, has extended CGHS medical facilities to the pensioners under Union Territories' (UT's) Administration, except the UTs of Delhi and Chandigarh.

Additional Director, CGHS, Chandigarh vide OM No. AD/CGHS/CHD/2024/CGHS/JK(UT)Govt./Pensioners/262-70 dated 10.05.2024 has clarified that CGHS facilities have been extended to the pensioners of J&K (UT) Administration in respect of those pensioners who retired from service on or after **31.10.2019** as per CGHS Rules.

The eligible pensioners of Government of J&K (UT) Administration may be provided an option to choose among common scheme to all J&K (UT) residents i.e. **AB-PMJAY SEHAT or CGHS.** As, one government employee (serving or pensioner) should not avail medical facilities from two different government sources.

The CGHS facilities shall be extended at par with the Central Govt. Pensioners, on payment of requisite subscription fees as per the prevalent CGHS guidelines, subject to the conditions that the pensioners of J&K (UT) Administration seeking CGHS coverage should not availing medical benefits from any other J&K (UT) Administration State/Central Government Health Scheme.

The Government of J&K has already covered all the families including employees and pensioners in the AB-PMJAY SEHAT Scheme where under free medical insurance cover of Rs 5.00 lakh is being provided to every family free of cost.

The matter has been examined in the Finance Department in consultation with State Health Agency, J&K & Health & Medical Education Department. State Grievance Nodal Officer, State Health Agency, J&K vide letter No. SHA/ABPM-JAY/JK/2023-24/5275-77 dated 15.01.2024, has conveyed that the pensioners opting for the CGHS scheme should disable the Ayushman Card issued to them and take NOC from State

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Health Agency before applying for CGHS Card in order to avoid dual benefit from both the schemes.

Health & Medical Education Department has also intimated vide OM No. HME-Acct/248/2021-02 dated 08.05.2024 that the pensioners of UT of Jammu and Kashmir may be given an option for choosing either JK SEHAT Scheme or CGHS for carrying out medical treatment.

Accordingly, following guidelines are issued for the eligible pensioners of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (UT) Administration who intend to avail the CGHS facilities;

- (i) The CGHS facilities have been extended to the pensioners of J&K (UT) Administration in respect of those pensioners who retired from service on or after 31.10.2019 as per CGHS Rules.
- (ii) The CGHS facilities have been extended at par with the Central Government pensioners, on payment of requisite subscription fees as notified by the MoHFW, GoI, vide OM No. S.11011/11/2016-CGHS(P)/EHS dated 09.01.2017, as per the prevalent CGHS guidelines, subject to the conditions that the Pensioners of Union Territories seeking CGHS coverage are not availing medical benefits from any other J&K (UT) Administration State/Central Government Health Scheme.
- (iii) The pensioners opting for the CGHS Scheme should surrender the medical benefits of AB-PMJAY SEHAT Scheme or any other Government Health Scheme. They should disable the Ayushman Card issued to them and take NOC from State Health Agency/concerned agency before applying for CGHS Card in order to avoid dual medical benefits from two different Government sources.

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