Headquarters



Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ISO 9001-2008 certified) Panchdeep Bhawan, CIG Road, New Delhi-110002



No.31/12/8/2018-PR

Dated: 13.09.2019

#### **Press Release**

- (i) Insured Persons of ESIC of newly implemented area to get treatment under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)
- (ii) ESIC to set-up 100 bedded Hospital at Srinagar (J&K U.T.) and 30 bedded Hospital at Leh (Ladakh U.T.)
- (iii) Opening-up of Medical Services at under-utilized Dispensary-cum-Branch Office (DCBO) to Non-IPs
- (iv) ESIC Hospitals at Sarojani Nagar (Lucknow) & Jajmau (Kanpur) opened for non-Insured Persons
- (v) Cash reward of Rs. 5.00 Lakh announced by Hon'ble LEM to ace para-shuttler Shri Pramod Bhagat, an employee of ESIC

The ESI Corporation during its 178<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13.09.2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge), Govt. of India has taken some very important decisions towards improvements in its service delivery mechanism.

The other dignitaries participating in the meeting were Dr. Harak Singh Rawat, Hon'ble Minister for Forests & Wild Life, Environment & Solid Waste Disposal, Labour, Employment, Training, AYUSH, AYUSH Education, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Shri Heera Lal Samaria, IAS, Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Hon'ble MP, Ms. Dola Sen, Hon'ble MP, Shri John Barla, Hon'ble MP, Shri Raj Kumar, IAS, Director General, ESIC, Smt. Anuradha Prasad, Addl. Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Ms. Sandhya Shukla, Financial Commissioner, ESIC and Smt. Vibha Bhalla, Joint Secretary, Labour & Employment, Govt. of India, Representatives of Employees and Employers and Hon'ble ESI Corporation Members, representatives of State Govts. and ESIC.

The following important decisions were taken during the Meeting:

# i) <u>Insured Persons of ESIC from newly implemented area to get treatment under</u> <u>Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY):</u>

During last couple of years, the coverage and penetration of the ESI scheme has increased immensely. ESI Corporation has under taken a massive exercise through multi-faceted approach for making provision of comprehensive medical care services either through State Government or directly by ESIC or through tie-up hospitals.

In the meeting, approval has been accorded to provide cashless Secondary and Tertiary medical care services under Ayushman Bharat package rates to entitled ESI Beneficiaries in newly implemented area of 102 designated Districts through PMJAY empanelled hospitals in States where PMJAY has been adopted by the State Governments. Further, to avoid any hassle in smooth implementation of this initiative, ESI Beneficiaries will be dealt through PMJAY logistics/IT facilities for registration, billing etc. as is done for PMJAY beneficiaries, up to a maximum limit of Rs. 5 lakhs worth of medical expenditure, beyond which individual case will be channelled to ESIC for seeking approval for further expenditure on ESI Beneficiary.

Similarly, PMJAY beneficiaries may get in-house medical treatment services as per Ayushman Bharat approved packages from underutilized ESI Hospitals while NHA will make payment to ESIC directly. Further, various State Government running ESIS Medical Scheme, shall also be requested to enrol ESIS Hospitals under Ayushman Bharat Scheme for providing medical services to PMJAY Beneficiaries, similar to ESIC Hospitals.

### ii) ESIC to set-up 100 bedded Hospital at Srinagar (J&K U.T.) and 30 bedded Hospital at Leh (U.T.)

During the meeting, in principle approval was accorded for setting up of 100 bedded Hospital at Srinagar and 30 bedded Hospital at Leh.

## iii) <u>Opening up of Medical Services at under-utilized Dispensary-cum-Branch Office</u> (DCBO) to Non-IPs:

ESIC has, in principle, taken decision to open its under-utilized Dispensary-cum-Branch Office (DCBO) pan-India to Non-IPs on nominal user charges basis on the same line of opening its under-utilized hospitals.

## iv) ESIC Hospitals at Sarojani Nagar (Lucknow) & Jajmau (Kanpur) opened for non-Insured Persons:

Earlier, ESI Corporation had earlier taken decision to allow Non-Insured Persons to avail medical services from its under-utilized ESIC Hospitals, and thereafter ESIC Hospitals at Alwar (Rajasthan), Bihta (Bihar), Gulbarga (Karnataka), Bareilly and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) were opened for Non-Insured Persons as well. Now Non-Insured Persons can avail the medical services at a nominal charge of Rs. 10/- for consultation and at the rate of 25% of CHGS package rates for IPD at ESIC Hospitals situated at Sarojini Nagar (Lucknow) and Jajmau (Kanpur) Uttar Pradesh.

#### v) <u>Cash reward of Rs. 5.00 Lakh announced by Hon'ble LEM to Arjuna Awardee ace</u> <u>para-shuttler Shri Pramod Bhagat, an employee of ESIC:</u>

During the meeting, Hon'ble LEM announced a cash reward of Rs. 5.00 Lakh for ace para-shuttler Shri Pramod Bhagat. Shri Bhagat is an ESIC employee posted in Odisha region.

The report of Sub-Committee earlier formed to decide the methodology for enhancements in PDB/DB Rates was also accepted during the meeting. Besides above, around 40 other agenda/reporting items pertaining to improvement in services/benefits to Insured Persons and their beneficiaries and other administrative matters were deliberated upon and approved during the meeting.

#### ESI Scheme in India

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to premises/precincts where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 10.33 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 3.43 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 13.32 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 154 Hospitals, 1489/174 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 815 Branch/Pay Offices and 63 Regional & Sub-Regional Offices.

\*\*\*\*\*\*