

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Medical Cell

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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Clarification on OPD treatment under West Bengal Health Scheme (WBHS)

At present, an employee/pensioner or his/her beneficiary is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of medical attendance and treatment as an OPD patient in a hospital/institution in the following cases vide Clause 7(1) of West Bengal Health Scheme:

Sl. No.	Name of the Disease	Sl. No.	Name of the Disease
1.	Malignant Diseases	10.	Injuries Caused by Accidents (including Animal Bite)
2.	Tuberculosis	11.	Rheumatoid Arthritis
3.	Hepatitis B/C and other Liver Diseases	12.	Systematic Lupus Erythematosus (LUPUS)
4.	Type-1 Insulin-Dependent Diabetes	13.	Crohn's Disease
5.	Heart Diseases	14.	Endodontic Treatment (Root Canal Treatment)
6.	Neurological Disorders/Cerebrovascular Disorders	15.	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
7.	Malignant Malaria	16.	Ankylosing Spondylitis
8.	Renal Failure	17.	COVID-19.
9.	Thalassaemia/Bleeding Disorders/Platelet Disorders		

Various requests have been received by Medical Cell of this department from stakeholders for clarifications regarding treatment of OPD listed diseases as well as diseases/treatment/medical condition which are often *co morbid* or *co terminus* with the above listed OPD diseases.

After careful consideration of the matter, the Governor is pleased to clarify the following for improvement & betterment of medical management of OPD treatment under the WBHS:

If a beneficiary is detected with any of the diseases listed under Clause 7(1) & (2) of WBHS then he/she will also be entitled to reimbursement of the cost of medical attendance & treatment for any other disease(s), which may be required for better medical management and improving life expectancy of the said beneficiary. The beneficiary will get reimbursement of the entire cost of the OPD treatment for the disease(s) on the strength of diagnosis & admissibility being made under Clause 7(1) & (2) of WBHS provided that all the medicines (including Vitamins, Calcium etc.) are prescribed by the treating specialist in a single prescription.

This will take effect from the date of issuance of this order.

By Order of the Governor,

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Government of West Bengal