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M E M O R A N D U M

The beneficiaries of State Government Employee/Pensioner/Family Pensioner are enrolled under West Bengal Health Scheme on the basis of definition of "Family" notified in terms of No. 7287-F dated 19.09.2008 and No. 3475-F dated 11.05.2009 respectively with all subsequent amendments issued from time to time for availing medical facilities and treatment under the scheme.

However, in the event of unfortunate death of a government employee while in service, there exists confusion regarding continuation of enrollment of all dependent beneficiaries of the deceased government employee under the Family Pensioner of the deceased employee. It may be stated that enrollment benefit which is provided to the beneficiaries during the lifetime of the government employee will continue in *die in harness* cases, subject to fulfillment of necessary conditions in this regard, i.e. existence of Family Pensioner. In this connection it is reiterated that discontinuation of Medical Relief is the *pre requisite* to enrollment under the scheme. So, in the absence of a Family Pensioner, no beneficiary of the deceased government employee will be allowed for further enrollment under the scheme as per extant rules.

Considering the above, the Governor is pleased to clarify that in *die in harness* cases, all previous beneficiaries of the deceased government employee would continue as beneficiaries under the Family Pensioner of the late government employee.

Further, if the Family Pensioner is appointed on compassionate ground in government service, then an Enrolment Certificate as Government Employee would have to be issued in his/her favour, and thereafter the compassionate appointee shall prefer claim related to his/her own treatment from Head of Office (HoO) only where he/she is posted and not from the Pension Sanctioning Authority (PSA) of the Family Pensioner.

No double entry of beneficiaries would be allowed in the Enrollment Certificate(s) except for the person as stated above.

The above is subject to other terms & conditions for enrollment as laid down in the WBHS.

This will take immediate effect.

By Order of the Governor,


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