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Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (SWC)
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Important circular

No. ECHS/Post Audit/Misc/Corr.

Dated:- /05/2017

To,

LAO(A) Jaipur
LAO (A) Hisar
LAO (A) Alwar
LAO (A) Kota
LAO (A) Bikaner
LAO (A) Sri Ganganagar
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Sub-: Irregularities and fraudulent payments to ECHS empanelled Hospitals

During the course of C & AG Performance Audit of ECHS regional centers, it has been noticed that glaring fraud being committed by the empanelled hospitals. C & AG report has brought out the following irregularities/fraudulent payments:-

- (i) Bill Processing Agencies UTI (ITSL) has failed to implement the rate integration module to auto check correctness of the rates of various procedures, medicines and investigations in reference to a master data to be fed in by Regional Centers and Central Organizations of ECHS.
- (ii) Payment of claims in respect of beneficiaries declared dead in their earlier claim have again been shown as beneficiaries in subsequent claims.
- (iii) Duplicate bills in respect of the patients where name, referral number, period of treatment, amount of claim etc. are same has been paid to ECHS and raising of claims by two empanelled hospitals for the same patients during the overlapping period.
- (iv) MD, ECHS has revised the service charge of two slabs in which maximum numbers of the bills are revised. The service charges have been revised without assigning any reason to it. There are no financial powers delegated to ECHS to revise the service charges, since these have been fixed as per the CGHS norms. CGHS has not revised the charges.

- (v) As per the terms of the supply orders (SO) placed by DGAFMS and other Direct Demanding Officers (DDO) for procurement of medicine/drugs, if the drugs are lying unconsumed, the DDO will inform the vendor three months in advance. The vendor is liable to replace such medicines. AFMSD/polyclinic, failed to safeguard the Government interest by not getting the unconsumed stock of shelf life expired medicines replaced from the vendors.

HQrs Office has taken very seriously of the above mention irregularities. You are therefore directed to inter-alia look into the above five points during the course of audit of concerned ECHS Regional Centers and furnish a report to this office latest by 20th May 2017.

Please acknowledge receipt & accord top priority.


(Roopwant Soni)
Addl. CDA

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