

Serial Circular No. 81/2024

No. E.685/0/Pt.XI

Kolkata, Dated: 24/07/2024

All Concerned
(as per standard list)

Sub: Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance to widowed/unmarried/divorced daughters in receipt of Family Pension

Attention is invited to this office serial no. 168/2016 dated 27/12/2016 vide which it was clarified that dependent children, including widowed/divorced/ unmarried daughters in receipt of family pension are eligible for medical facilities after the death of both the parents under RELHS-97. This clarification was issued based on Health Directorate/Railway Board's letter no. 2008/H-1/2/15, dated 14/03/2016 in pursuance to instructions contained in RBE No. 69/2014, dated 07/07/2014 circulated under this office serial no. 85/2014.

2. Subsequently, two separate analogous instructions were issued to SR & SCR from Railway Board (PC-V directorate) vide letter no. PC-V/2022/A/Med/2(FMA)(E), dated 27/10/2022 and 11/11/2022 respectively, clarifying that widowed/divorced/ unmarried daughters who are in receipt of family pension are not eligible for RELHS so as FMA. Since these instructions were in conflict with the existing guidelines mentioned above, a reference was made to Board for review on this score.

3. Board now wish to clarify vide their letter no. PC-V/2022/A/Med/2(FMA)(E), dated 19/07/2024 (S. No. PC-VII/218, RBE No. 66/2024) in supersession of RBE No. 69/2014 *ibid*, that widowed/unmarried/divorced daughters of railway pensioners who were already included as dependents for the purpose of RELHS-97 as per existing provisions of Para 612A of IRMM, Vol.I, i.e. on the date of retirement or death as the case may be, would continue to get the medical facility even after demise of both the parents and therefore, they will be eligible for grant of FMA as per extant guidelines. Accordingly, Board's earlier clarifications dated 27/10/2022 and 11/11/2022 *ibid*, stand repealed/modified.

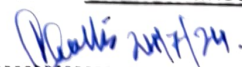
4. Accordingly, the existing instructions circulated under this office serial no. 168/2016 *ibid*, stand modified. The revised instructions on the subject will be made applicable from the issue of RBE No. 66/2024 i.e. 19/07/2024. The cases already decided as per this office serial no. 168/2016 *ibid*, prior to these revised instructions need not be re-opened. A copy of RBE No. 66/2024 is enclosed for information and further necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

DA: As above.


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Index No. 1049: Eligibility for medical facilities to widowed/unmarried/divorced daughters in receipt of Family Pension after the death of both the parents under RELHS-97 as well as grant of FMA.

भारत सरकार/ GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय/ MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड/ RAILWAY BOARD)

S.No. PC-VII/ 218
No. PC-V/2022/A/Med/2(FMA)(E)

RBE No. 66/2024
New Delhi, Dated : 19.07.2024

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways and PUs.
(As per mailing list)

**Sub: Grant of Fixed Medical Allowance to widowed/ unmarried/divorced daughters
in receipt of Family Pension.**

References have been received from few Railways regarding grant of FMA to Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried daughters of railway pensioners who are in receipt of family pension after the demise of both the parents. The matter had been under consideration in Board's office in consultation with Health Dte. and Finance Dte. of Railway Board for quite some time. It has now been ascertained by Health Dte. that Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried daughters of railway pensioners who were already included as dependents when the employee opted for RELHS facility as per Para 612A of IRMM i.e. on his date of retirement or death as the case may be, would get medical facility even after demise of both the primary RELHS card holder and spouse, provided the dependent Widowed/Divorced/Unmarried daughters satisfies all the conditions laid down for being dependent. Therefore, such dependents would be eligible for FMA on fulfillment of all the terms and conditions laid down for grant of FMA vide Board's letter dated 15.09.2009(RBE No. 168/2009). This is in supersession of Board's letter No. PC-V/2011/A/Med/1 dated 07.07.2014.

2. The clarifications issued earlier to SR, BLW & SCR vide Board's letter dated 27.10.2022, 07.11.2022 and 11.11.2022 respectively will stand repealed/modified.

3. This has the approval of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

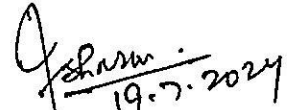


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No. PC-V/2022/A/Med/2(FMA)(E)

New Delhi, Dated : 19.07.2024

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For Member(Finance)/ Railway Board

No. PC-V/2022/A/Med/2(FMA)(E)

New Delhi, Dated : 19.07.2024

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क्र.सं.पीसी-VII/ 218
सं. पीसी-V/2022/A/मेड/2 (एफएमए)(ई)

आरबीई सं. 66/2024
नई दिल्ली, दिनांक: 19.07.2024

महाप्रबंधक,
सभी क्षेत्रीय रेलें और उत्पादन इकाइयां,
(मानक सूची के अनुसार)

विषय: पारिवारिक पेंशन प्राप्त कर रही विधवा/अविवाहित/तलाकशुदा बेटियों को
निश्चित चिकित्सा भत्ता प्रदान किया जाना।

रेलवे पेंशनभोगियों की विधवा/तलाकशुदा/अविवाहित पुत्रियों, जिन्हें माता-पिता दोनों की मृत्यु के बाद पारिवारिक पेंशन (फैमिली पेंशन) प्राप्त होती है, को निश्चित चिकित्सा भत्ता देने के संबंध में कुछ रेलों से संदर्भ प्राप्त हुए हैं। यह मामला बहुत समय से स्वास्थ्य निदेशालय और वित्त निदेशालय के परामर्श से बोर्ड कार्यालय में विचाराधीन था। अब स्वास्थ्य निदेशालय द्वारा यह निश्चित किया गया है कि रेलवे पेंशनभोगियों की ऐसी विधवा/तलाकशुदा/अविवाहित पुत्रियां, जो रेल कर्मचारी द्वारा अपने सेवानिवृत्त के वक्त भारतीय रेल चिकित्सा मैनुअल (IRMM) के पैरा 612ए के अनुसार सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारी उदारीकृत स्वास्थ्य योजना (RELHS) का विकल्प चुनते वक्त या उसकी मृत्यु के वक्त आश्रित हो, उन्हें दोनों प्राइमरी RELHS कार्ड होल्डर और पति/पत्नी की मृत्यु के बाद भी चिकित्सा सुविधा प्राप्त होगी बशर्ते आश्रित विधवा/तलाकशुदा/अविवाहित पुत्रियां आश्रित होने के लिए सभी निर्धारित शर्तें पूरी करती हों। अतः ऐसे आश्रित, बोर्ड के पत्र दिनांक 15.09.2009 (आरबीई संख्या 168/2009) के अंतर्गत निश्चित चिकित्सा भत्ता प्रदान करने के लिए निर्धारित सभी नियमों और शर्तों को पूरा करने पर निश्चित चिकित्सा भत्ते (FMA) के लिए पात्र होंगे। इसे बोर्ड के दिनांक 07.07.2014 के पत्र संख्या पीसी-V/2011/ए/मेड./1 के अधिक्रमण में किया गया है।

2. बोर्ड के दिनांक क्रमशः 27.10.2022, 07.11.2022 और 11.11.2022 के द्वारा दक्षिण रेलवे, बनारस रेलइंजन कारखाना और दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे को पहले जारी किए गए स्पष्टीकरण क्रमशः निरसन/संशोधित माने जाएंगे।

3. इसे रेल मंत्रालय के वित्त निदेशालय का अनुमोदन प्राप्त है।



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