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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Nirman Bhawan New Delhi

Dated the 17th Aug., 1999

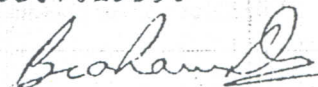
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision in the schedule of charges for reimbursement of expenses on purchase/replacement/repair/adjustment of Hearing Aid under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS -Regarding.

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The undersigned is directed to say that a Committee was appointed to consider the issue of revision of rates of Hearing Aids fixed by this Ministry vide OM No. S.14025/36/93-MS dated 26.9.94 and also to determine a time period for replacement of the Hearing Aids. On the recommendations of the Committee of experts, it has been decided to fix the maximum ceiling rate upto Rs. 10,000/- for body worn/pocket/behind the ear type/in the canal type (conventional), as per requirement of the patient for one-sided Hearing Aid. Any patient requiring a bilateral Hearing Aid on the basis of his/her hearing loss and its attendant disability/speech training requirement/ rehabilitation, specially in child/job requirement in adult may be permitted upto a maximum ceiling of Rs. 20,000/-. However, the Hearing Aid should be recommended by ENT surgeon after considering the hearing loss of a patient and its attendant disability supported by audiometric evidence.

2. In special circumstances, digital hearing aid may also be reimbursed upto a limit of Rs. 60,000/- on the recommendation of three ENT experts.
3. Keeping in view the average life of hearing aid as 5 years, a replacement may be permitted on the basis of a condemnation certificate from a technical expert and on approval of a ENT Specialist.
4. These orders will be applicable to both types of beneficiaries viz., CGHS beneficiaries and the beneficiaries covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.
5. The orders will come into effect from the date of issue.
6. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Division vide their Dy. No.3653/99 JS & FA(H) dated 23.7.1999.



( BRAHAM DEV )

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

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F.No.S.14025/10/2002-MS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(Department of Health)

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.  
Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2002.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revision in the schedule of charges for reimbursement of expenses on purchase/replacement/repair/adjustment of Hearing Aid under CS(MA) Rules, 1944  
Clarification regarding.

In continuation of this Ministry's O.M. Nos. S.14025/36/93-MS dated 26.3.94 and 17.8.1999 on the subject mentioned above the undersigned is directed to say that the rates and procedure in this behalf as prevailing in CGHS will be applicable to Central Government servants covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 also.

2. The special circumstances under which the digital hearing aid may be reimbursed upto a limit of Rupees Sixty Thousand should include:-

(a) Moderate to Severe Sensory Neural Hearing Loss with Aided Speech Discrimination Score which cannot be improved to 70% by use of Analog Hearing Aid.

(b) Sharply sloping audiogram seen on Pure Tone Audiometry, inverted V audiogram or U shaped audiogram involving 2000 Hz.

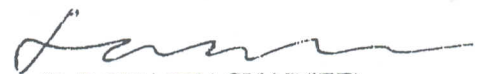
3. This should be done on the recommendation of 3 ENT Surgeons of 3 different Government Hospitals who have facilities to audiometric assessment and have all performed their independent audiological assessment.

4. However, factors like the age of the patient /educational or work requirement and bilateral congenital losses can also be taken into consideration by the prescribing Surgeons for prescribing hearing aids based on digital technology. The request for the procurement of digital hearing aid need not be put up to the Standing Committee.

5. The technical expert competent to condemn a hearing aid after 5 years would be the Service Engineer of the authorised Hearing Aid Centre / Dealer. The above certificate would be required to be countersigned by the ENT Surgeon of a Government Hospital.

6. These orders will be applicable to both types of beneficiaries viz., CGHS beneficiaries and the beneficiaries covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944.

7. The orders will come into effect from the date of issue.



(B.B. BHATTACHARJEE)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

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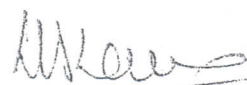
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.  
Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2003

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revision in the schedule of charges for reimbursement of expenses on purchase/  
replacement/ repair/ adjustment of Hearing Aid under CS (MA) Rules, 1944 –  
Clarification regarding

In Continuation of this Ministry's OM of even number dated 28.10.2002 on the subject mentioned above, the undersigned is directed to say that the issue whether the ceiling limit of Rupees sixty thousand towards reimbursement of expenditure incurred on a digital hearing aid is applicable for a single ear or for both ears has been examined in consultation with Dte.GHS and it is accordingly clarified that the said limit of Rs. sixty thousand was applicable for a single hearing aid only. However, keeping in view the fact that the rates of the digital hearing aids have come down drastically an exercise was undertaken for revising the ceiling limit for reimbursement by calling fresh rates from different manufacturers / dealers of hearing aids. In accordance with the recommendations of the experts in Dte.GHS the ceiling limit for reimbursement of expenditure incurred on purchase of a digital hearing aid is fixed at Rs. thirty thousand only. The other terms and conditions of the OM under reference shall remain unchanged.

This issues with the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy. No.C1995 dated 17.12.2003.



(D.R.SHARMA)

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Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.  
Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov., 06.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Sub: Revision in the schedule of charges/procedure for reimbursement of expenses on purchase/replacement/repair/adjustment of Hearing Aid under CS (MA) Rules, 1944 Clarification regarding.

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In continuation of this Ministry's O.M. Nos. S.14025/36/93-MS dated 26.3.94 and 17.8.1999 and partial modification in O.M.No.S.14025/10/2002-MS dated 28.10.2002 of even number 19.12.2003 on the subject mentioned above the undersigned is directed to say that the rates and procedure in this behalf as prevailing in CGHS will be applicable to Central Government servants covered under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 also.

2. The special circumstances under which the digital hearing aid may be reimbursed upto a limit of Rs.30, 000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only for one Ear) should include: -

(a) Moderate to Severe Sensory Neural Hearing Loss with Aided Speech Discrimination Score, which cannot be improved to 70% by use of Analog Hearing Aid.

(b) Sharply sloping audiogram seen on Pure Tone Audiometry, inverted V audiogram or U shaped audiogram involving 2000 Hz.

3. This should be done on the recommendation of 2 ENT Surgeons of 2 different Government Hospitals who have facilities to audiometric assessment and have all performed their independent audiological assessment and an undertaking that he/she has not been reimbursed a digital hearing aid in the preceding Five years.

4. However, factors like the age of the patient /educational or work requirements and bilateral congenital losses can also be taken into consideration by the prescribing Surgeons for prescribing hearing aids based on digital technology. The request for the procurement of digital hearing aid need not be put up to the Standing Committee.

5. The technical expert competent to condemn a hearing aid after 5 years would be the Service Engineer of the authorised Hearing Aid Centre / Dealer. The above certificate would be required to be countersigned by the ENT Surgeon of a Government Hospital.



6. These orders will be applicable to both types of beneficiaries viz., CGHS beneficiaries and the beneficiaries covered under CS (MA) Rules, 1944.
7. This issues with the concurrence of Internal Finance Division vide their Dy.No.5689/06-IFD dated the 18<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2006.
8. The orders will come into effect from the date of issue.

  
(R. RAVI)  
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