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Circular No. Pen. Co-ordn./Bihar/Vol.- IX/Judi-Medl.Reim./54 Date : 16-06-2026

Subject : Reimbursement of medical expenses provided to the pensioners/family pensioners of Bihar Judicial Service with effect from 09-08-2024.

This is to state that the Government of Bihar in their Health Department Resolution No. 14/Miscellaneous-50/2017 dated 09-08-2024 has decided that with effect from 09-08-2024, the pensioners/family pensioners of Bihar Judicial Service getting treatment in Government and CGHS recognized hospitals and Government notified hospitals/non-CGHS recognized hospitals within and outside the state of Bihar, the provisions made in clause 3(a) and (b) of Government of Bihar in their Health Department Resolution No. 946 (14) dated 14-08-2015 will be effective. The extract of the Resolution enclosed herewith.

Having been authorized by the Accountant General (A&E), Bihar in their letter No. PEN-09-1640 dated 13-01-2025, it is requested to display this circular on the notice boards of all pension disbursing authorities for information and benefit of concerned pensioners/family pensioners of Bihar Government Judicial Service.

Receipt of the circular may please be acknowledged.

Enclo : As stated.


Sr. Accounts Officer

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10. BO & AAO-in-charge of Pen EDP with the request to send a scanned copy of the circular to DTA, West Bengal at dtawestbengal@gmail.com and ifms-wb@gov.in.
11. Assistant Director, Rajbhasha Section with the request to translate the circular in Hindi.
12. BO & AAO-in-charge of AM, Legal Cell, ITSC & TIParty (uploaded in this office website in employees' login).

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Bihar Government

Health Department

Resolution

Subject:- Regarding medical facilities and reimbursement of medical expenses provided to serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouses of judicial officers, their family members and family pensioners in the light of the recommendation of the National Judicial Awareness Commission and the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, New Delhi on 04.01.2024 in the case of W.P.(C) No. 643/2015 (All India Judges Association Vs. Union of India and Ors.).

Detailed guidelines have been issued by Health Departmental Resolution No. - 1150 (14), dated 10.10.2014 regarding simplification of the process of approval of medical treatment and reimbursement of medical expenses to serving and retired officers of Bihar Judicial Service. Presently, in the light of the recommendation of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission and the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, New Delhi on 04.01.2024 in the case of W.P.(C) No. 643/2015 (All India Judges Association Vs. Union of India and Ors.), it is necessary to amend the earlier provisions to simplify the process of medical facility and reimbursement of medical expenses provided to serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners (Family means spouse of judicial service officers and their completely dependent parents, unmarried children and step children.)

2). In the light of Health Department Resolution No.- 611 (14), dated 01.06.2009, the officers of the Judicial Service of the state and their spouses will be provided Medical facilities equivalent to the medical facilities available to the members of the Legislative Assembly of the state.

3). Medical Expenses Reimbursement: -

In case of serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners getting treatment in Government and CGHS recognized hospitals within and outside the State and hospitals. The provisions made in clause 3(a) and (b) of Resolution no.-946 (14), dated 14.08.2015 issued by the Health Department will be effective which will be as follows :-

(a) Serving/retired Judicial Officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of the Judicial Officer, their family members and family pensioners will be reimbursed entire actual expenditure in case of medical treatment in Government/CGHS recognized and notified hospitals within the State and outside the State by the State Government.

(b) In case of treatment taken in non CGHS recognized hospitals outside and inside the State, medical reimbursement at CGHS rates shall be admissible.

4). Medical recommendation: -

Permission for outpatient/inpatient treatment outside the state may be given by the competent authority nominated for sanctioning medical expense reimbursement mentioned in clause-8 on the recommendation of the head of the department (of the concerned disease) of the Medical College Hospital of the state and the civil surgeon of the concerned district (where there is no Medical College Hospital). Thereafter, permission for each follow-up checkup will be given by the competent authority nominated for sanctioning medical expense reimbursement mentioned in clause-8 on the recommendation of the concerned medical institution.

5). Travel allowance for medical treatment: -

Travel allowance for medical treatment can be estimated in the light of Finance Department's Notification No. 5292, dated 23.06.2014, Resolution No. 8044/V, dated 11/10/2017 and other provisions issued by the Finance Department from time to time.

6). Air ambulance facility: -

Health Department Resolution No. 611 (14), dated 01.06.2009 provides that "The officers of the State Judicial Service and their spouses will be provided medical facilities equivalent to those available to the members of the State Legislature."

By Health Department Resolution No. 478 (14), dated 01.03.2019, the facility of air ambulance has been provided to the Honourable Members of Bihar Legislature in case of emergency for the lifesaving point of view.

The provisions made in the Health Department Resolution No. 478 (14), dated 01.03.2019 will also be applicable to the officers of Bihar Judicial Service, but the expenditure incurred on air ambulance will be reimbursed by the competent authority mentioned in clause-8.

7). Post-reduction acceptance: -

Post facto approval for treatment undertaken outside the State under compelling circumstances without prior permission shall be given by the competent authority appointed for approval of reimbursement of medical expenses mentioned in clause-8.

8) Amount of medical expense reimbursement, admissibility of bills and competent sanctioning authority: -

- (a) The expenditure incurred on the medical treatment of the husband/wife of the serving/retired judicial officer, professional officer of Bihar Judicial Service, their family members and family pensioners shall be reimbursed as under: -

Amount of Medical Expense Reimbursement	Competent authority for checking the accuracy and	Competent authority for sanctioning the amount of
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	validity of bills (as per clause-3(a) and (b))	medical expense reimbursement
(1) Up to Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh)	The concerned Civil Surgeon. (The authenticity and accuracy of the bills related to medical expense reimbursement will be checked within one month)	1). a) District & Sessions Judge for serving/retired Judicial Officer of Bihar Judicial Service posted in the judicial division of the concerned District, spouse of Judicial Officer, their family members and family pensioners. b). Director of the Academy for judicial service or serving/retired judicial officers posted in Bihar Judicial Academy, spouse of judicial officers, their family members and family pensioners. c) For serving/retired officers of the Judicial Service posted in Bihar State Legal Services Authority, spouse of serving Judicial Officer, their family members and family pensioners, the Member Secretary, Bihar State Legal Services Authority shall be the Member Secretary. d) There will be Law Secretaries for serving/retired Judicial Officers of the Judicial Service posted in various Departments of the Government of Bihar, spouse of the Judicial Officer, their family members and family pensioners. e). For serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service posted at Patna High Court, Patna, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners, the Registrar General, Patna High Court,

		Patna/competent authority nominated by him. 2) a). For reimbursement of medical expenses, serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners must give a declaration as to which competent authority they will submit the claim bill. b) For change of jurisdiction (place of residence or place of retirement within Bihar only) after sanction of first bill for medical reimbursement, permission must be obtained from the Registrar General, Patna High Court. (The amount of medical expense reimbursement will be approved within 45 days.)
₹ 1,00,001 (Rupees one lakh one) to ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees ten lakh)	A three-member committee headed by the Superintendent of the concerned Medical College/Hospitals. (The authenticity and accuracy of the bills related to medical expense reimbursement will be checked within one month) The responsibility of checking/countersigned the bills for their authenticity and accuracy will be given to all the superintendents of medical college hospitals district/division wise as follows: - (i) The Superintendent, Patna Medical College	1) a) District & Sessions Judge for serving/retired Judicial Officer of Bihar Judicial Service posted in the judicial division of the concerned District, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners. (b). Director of the Academy For serving/retired judicial officer of the judicial service posted in Bihar Judicial Academy, spouse of judicial officers, their family members and family pensioners. c) For Serving/retired judicial officers of judicial service posted in Bihar state legal services Authority, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners, the member

	Hospital, Patna, Patna District of Patna Division only. (ii) Superintendent, Nalanda Medical College Hospital, Patna - Bhojpur, Buxar, Rohtas and Kaimur districts of Patna Division. (iii) Superintendent, Bhagawan Mahaveer Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, Pawapuri, Nalanda - Nalanda District under Patna Division and Nawada District under Magadh Division. (iv) Superintendent, Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College Hospital, Gaya Magadh Division includes Gaya, Jehanabad, Arwal and Aurangabad Districts. (v) Superintendent, Nehru Jawaharlal Medical Mahavidyalaya Hospital, Bhagalpur - All the districts of Bhagalpur and Munger Division. (vi) The Superintendent, Darbhanga Medical College Hospital, Laheriyasarai, Darbhanga, all the districts in Darbhanga Division. (vii) Superintendent, Sri Krishna College of Medicine Hospital, Muzaffarpur- Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Sitamarhi and Shivhar Districts of Tirhut Division and Saran Division.	Secretary shall be the Bihar state legal services Authority. d) There will be a law Secretary for serving/retired judicial officers of the Judicial Service posted in various departments of the Bihar Government, spouse of the judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners. e). In respect of serving/retired officers of Bihar Judicial Service posted in Patna High Court, Patna, spouses of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners, the senior Registrar General, Patna High court, Patna/component authority nominated by him. 2.a) For reimbursement of medical expenses, the retired officers/family pensioners of Bihar Judicial Service will have to give a declaration as to which competent authority they will submit the claim bill before. b). For change of jurisdiction (to his residence or place of retirement within Bihar only) after sanction of first bill for medical reimbursement, permission must be obtained from the Registrar General, Patna High Court. (The amount of medical expense reimbursement will be approved within 45 days.)
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	(viii) Superintendent, Government Medical College Hospital, Purnia, all districts of Purnia Division. (ix) Superintendent, Jananayak Karpuri Thakur Medical College, Madhepura-Koshi, all districts. Hospital, all districts of the Division. (x) Superintendent, Government Medical College Hospital, Bettiah (West Champaran) East Champaran and West Champaran Districts of Tirhut Division. (Medical Expense Reimbursement from	
(iii) Rupees ten lakh (above Rs. 10 lakh)	A three-member committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Superintendent of the concerned Medical College Hospitals. (The authenticity and accuracy of the concerned bills will be checked within one month)	Competent Authority nominated by the Chief Justice, Patna High court. (The Amount of medical expense reimbursement will be approved within 45 days.)

(b) The Registrar General, High court, Patna will be the sole Authority for sanctioning reimbursement of medical expenses up to Rs. 10 lakhs for serving/retired District and session Judge/Chief justice of the courts, Director Bihar Judicial Academy, member Secretary, Bihar State Legal Services Authority and their family pensioners. Reimbursement of medical expenses above Rs. 10 lakhs will be reimbursed by the competent authority determined in accordance with as per clause-8 'a' (iii) above.

(c) The provisions issued by the Health Department from time to time for reimbursement of medical expenses, admissibility and correctness of bills shall also be applicable to the serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners.

9). Reimbursement of outstation medical expenses: -

Serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners may be reimbursed the outpatient medical expenses and the investigations mentioned therein in all diseases by the competent authority, if countersigned by a government doctor.

10). Procedure for approval of reimbursement of claims: -

The following procedure will be followed for approval of reimbursement of claims:-

- (i) Reimbursement Certificate is required to be submitted along with the claim reimbursement.
- (ii) The original bill for the medicines purchased must be countersigned with seal by the doctor of the concerned institution or a Government / CGHS recognized institution.
- (iii) Approval for medical reimbursement will be given as per rules if the reimbursement Certificate is countersigned with seal by the Superintendent/Director or Chairman/Vice Chairman/ Administrator/Registrar/Consultant Medical Officer of the Hospital/Institute.
- (iv) All original copies of cash memo/ claim related to medicines purchased and photocopy of medical slip of the hospital and discharge certificate of inpatient from the hospital should be submitted in original.

11). Sanction of Medical Advance:-

- (i) The competent authority to fix the maximum limit and sanction medical advance to the husband/wife of a serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, his/her family members and family pensioners shall be as under-

(a)	Maximum Rs 8 lakh (Up to Rs. Eight lakhs)	1) District & Sessions Judge for serving/retired Judicial Officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of Judicial Officer, their family members and family pensioners in the judicial division of the concerned District. 2). Director of the Academy for serving/retired Judicial Officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouses of Judicial Officers, their family members and family pensioners at Bihar Judicial Academy. 3). The Bihar State Legal Services Authority shall consist of serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners as Member Secretary, Bihar State Legal Services Authority. 4). There will be Law Secretaries for serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners in various departments of Government of Bihar.
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		5). For serving/retired Judicial Officers of Bihar Judicial Service in Patna High Court, Patna, spouse of Judicial Officers, their family members and family pensioners, the Registrar General, Patna High Court, Patna or the competent authority nominated by him. 6) The Competent authority for sanctioning reimbursement of medical expenses of serving/retired District & Sessions Judge/Chief Justice of the Courts, Director, Bihar Judicial Academy, Member Secretary, Bihar State Legal Services Authority and their spouses, their family members and family pensioners shall be Registrar General, High Court, Patna.
(b)	Above Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees eight lakh)	Competent authority nominated by the Chief Justice, Patna High Court.

(ii) Medical advance of 80% of the estimated amount will be sanctioned based on estimate received from the concerned medical institution. Adjustment of the sanctioned medical advance amount at CGHS rate will be ensured within the prescribed time limit (maximum 6 months) and monitoring will be done by the competent authority nominated for sanctioning medical expense reimbursement mentioned in clause-8.

(iii) It will be ensured that the adjustment of the advance amount is done within six months of withdrawal. If the previous advance is not adjusted, the second advance will not be sanctioned. If the advance is not adjusted within the stipulated period, the concerned judicial service officer will have to deposit the unadjusted advance amount in lump sum. If the treatment does not start within one month of withdrawal of the advance or if the patient does not go for treatment, then the responsibility of depositing the entire amount of the advance in lump sum in the treasury will be of the concerned withdrawal and disbursement officer and the competent authority nominated for sanctioning the reimbursement of medical expenses mentioned in clause-8.

12). In case both husband and wife are in service :-

In case the husband/wife of the officers of Bihar Judicial Service is serving in other service and medical facility is admissible in the said service, both the serving officers will be able to claim reimbursement of medical expenses from any one institute/department. But they will have to give a declaration that they have not claimed reimbursement from any other place.

13). Procedure in case of residence/posting outside the state: -

Serving/retired officers of judicial service/judicial officer's husband/wife and family pensioner, who are posted/residing outside the state of Bihar or whose family members reside outside the state, they and their family members will not need to get referral from the head of department/civil surgeon of the state's medical college

hospital. Such judicial officers will get treatment done in the hospital/government hospitals of their place of posting/residence and will immediately inform the nominated competent authority through any medium for approval of reimbursement of their medical expenses and will claim reimbursement of medical expenses before the competent authority of Bihar state.

14). (a) Health Card for serving/retired judicial officer of the Judicial Service of the State of Bihar, spouse of judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners will be issued by Patna High Court, Patna.

(b). All the Government and suitable/eligible non-government hospitals/testing houses of Bihar State will be empanelled by the Health Department so that on presenting the said Health Card (identity card for medical treatment), serving/retired Judicial officers, spouses of judicial officers, family members and family pensioners will be treated. Expenses incurred during their treatment and health check-up will not be paid. After treatment, the bill related to the expenses incurred in treatment will be countersigned by the concerned hospital, testing centre and doctor from the concerned judicial officer/retired officer/family pensioner and presented for payment before the competent authority mentioned in clause-8 along with the undertaking (undertaking format enclosed). The said bill will be paid by the competent authority to the concerned hospital, testing centre and doctor within a maximum period of three months as per the provision mentioned in the resolution. The standard and procedure for empanelling the hospitals will be determined by the Health Department. In case of difficulty in complying with this provision, the Health Department will issue necessary guidelines in consultation with the Hon'ble High Court, Patna.

In this regard, after checking the accuracy and estimability as per the provisions mentioned in the resolution issued from time to time by the Health Department, if any amount is found to be less, then it will be paid by the concerned judicial officer/retired officers/family pensioners to the concerned hospital/testing house/doctor. Regarding ensuring the payment of the difference amount, appropriate decision can be taken by the competent authority nominated for approval of medical reimbursement.

(c) After the directions are issued by the Health Department, the District and Sessions Judge shall enter into an agreement with the Government and non-Government hospitals/testing houses under their districts regarding medical facilities for the officers of the judicial service, which will be equally effective on the serving/retired judicial officer of Bihar Judicial Service, spouse of the judicial officer, their family members and family pensioners.

15). Difficulties faced by serving/retired judicial officers of Bihar Judicial Service, spouses of judicial officers, their family members and family pensioners in implementation of the resolution issued in compliance with the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, New Delhi in the light of the recommendation of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission will be resolved by the Health Department.

16). The earlier orders/resolutions/circulars issued in this regard shall stand modified to this extent.

17) This resolution shall come into force from the date of its issuance.

ORDER: It is ordered that this resolution be published in the upcoming extraordinary issue of the Bihar Gazette for general information.

By order of Bihar Governor,

(Aditya Prakash)

Additional Secretary to the Government.

Memo No.-14/विविध-50/2017 1891/(14) / स्वा0. पटना,

Date- 09/8/2024

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Copy forwarded to the Cabinet Secretariat Department, Bihar, Patna for information in reference to item number 31 of the meeting of the Council of Ministers dated 06.08.2024.

Copy forwarded to IT Manager, Health Department, Bihar, Patna for information to upload on departmental website.

Additional Secretary to the Government.

Undertaking

The treatment is being provided in the light of the provisions of the resolution issued by the Health Department and after the treatment, the amount mentioned on the bill will be paid by the Registrar General / District and Sessions Judge or other concerned competent authority after it is ascertained and correct.

After checking the accuracy and predictability, if any difference amount is payable then it will be paid by me to the concerned hospital / testing centre / doctor.

Name of Serving / Retired Judicial Officer /
Family pensioner:-

Name of Competent Authority:-

Place of posting:-

Designation:-

Relationship with the patient:-

Place of posting:-