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To,
All DRMs / CWMs & Units Incharge,
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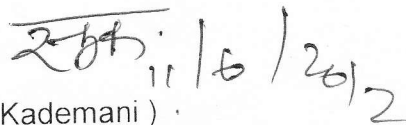
Sub : Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS-97)
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A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court/Case dated 31.05.2012 is sent herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

Railway Board's letters mentioned therein are circulated vide this office letters as indicated below :

Sr. No.	Railway Board's letter No. Date and R.B.E.No.	This Office letter No. Date and P.S.No.
1.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.IV dated 10.2.2005 (P.S.No.23/2005)
2.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.IV dated 7.11.2005 (P.S.No.173/2005)
3.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.IV dated 19.5.2006 (P.S.No.56/2006)
4.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.IV dated 19.5.2006 (P.S.No.56/2006)
5.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.V dated 15.1.2007 (P.S.No.14/2007)
6.	2003/H/28/1/RELHS	EC 685/104 Vol.V dated 23.3.2009/ 3.4.2009 (P.S.No.61/2009)

Encl: As above.


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

No.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case

New Delhi, Dated 31.05.12

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways
(Including Production Units),
Director General, RDSO

Sub: Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS-97).


Ref.: Board's letters No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 28.01.05, 21.10.05, 30.12.05, 10.05.06, 10.01.07 & 16.03.09.

Arising out of demands raised by Federations & various Pensioner Associations, the subject matter of facilitating Railway Medical Services to all Retired Railway personnel through RELHS-97, had been under consideration of Board for some time. After careful & detailed examination of the matter the following has been decided by Ministry of Railways –

- (a) For Pre-March 2009 retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open-ended with a lock-in-period of six months for referral outside the Railway Hospital with the rider that this lock-in-period can be relaxed only in an emergency provided the patient is either admitted or visits the Railway Hospital and the facilities for the treatment are not available in Railway Hospital. Such referrals are to be processed only on recommendation of a specially constituted Medical Board.
- (b) For March 2009 and onwards retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open for a period of another one year from the date of issue of the letter for all those retired railway personnel who have not joined the scheme for one reason or the other. The lock-in-period of six months as applicable for pre-March, 2009 retirees shall be applicable for these retirees also. Henceforth joining RELHS-97 has been made mandatory for all retiring Railway personnel without any exit clause whatsoever.

All other terms and conditions of RELHS-97 mentioned in Board's letter dated 16.03.2009 under reference will remain unaltered.

This has the approval of the President and issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways. Wide publicity should be given to the above provisions.


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भारत सरकार
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सं.2011/एच/28/1/आरईएलएचएस/कोर्ट केस

नई दिल्ली, 31.5.2012

महाप्रबंधक,

सभी भारतीय रेलें

(उत्पादन इकाइयों सहित)

महानिदेशक, अ.अ.मा.सं.

विषय: सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारी उदारीकृत स्वास्थ्य योजना (आरईएलएचएस-97)

संदर्भ: बोर्ड के दिनांक 28.01.2005, 21.10.2005, 30.12.2005, 10.05.2006, 10.01.2007 और 16.03.2009 के पत्र सं.2003/एच/28/1/आरईएलएचएस.

फेडरेशनों तथा विभिन्न पेंशनर्स एसोसिएशनों द्वारा की गई मांगों को देखते हुए आरईएलएचएस-97 के माध्यम से सभी सेवानिवृत्त रेलकर्मियों को रेलवे मेडीकल सेवाओं का लाभ प्रदान करने का विषयगत मामला कुछ समय से बोर्ड के विचाराधीन रहा है. इस मामले पर सावधानीपूर्वक तथा विस्तृत जांच करने के बाद रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा निम्नानुसार निर्णय लिया गया है-

(क) मार्च, 2009 से पूर्व के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों के लिए- आरईएलएचएस-97 अब खुला रहेगा परन्तु रेलवे अस्पताल से बाहर भेजे जाने के लिए 6 माह की लॉक-इन अवधि रहेगी परन्तु इसमें यह प्रावधान होगा कि इस लॉक-इन अवधि में केवल आपातकाल में ही छूट दी जा सकती है, जिसके लिए मरीज या तो रेलवे अस्पताल में एडमिट हो या रेलवे अस्पताल में इलाज करा रहा हो तथा रेलवे अस्पताल में इलाज के लिए सुविधाएं मौजूद न हों. इस प्रकार की रिफरल की कार्रवाई विशेष रूप से गठित मेडीकल बोर्ड की सिफारिशों पर ही की जाएगी.

(ख) मार्च, 2009 और उसके बाद के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों के लिए- आरईएलएचएस-97 ऐसे सभी सेवानिवृत्त रेलकर्मियों, जिन्होंने किसी भी कारण से इस योजना को न अपनाया हो, के लिए इस पत्र के जारी होने की तारीख से एक और वर्ष के लिए खुली रहेगी. मार्च, 2009 से पूर्व के सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों के लिए लागू 6 माह की लॉक-इन अवधि इन सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों के लिए भी लागू रहेगी. अब से सभी सेवानिवृत्त रेलकर्मियों के लिए आरईएलएचएस-97 में शामिल होना अनिवार्य है तथा इस योजना को छोड़ने का कोई भी प्रावधान, जो भी हो, नहीं होगा.

बोर्ड के दिनांक 16.03.2009 के संदर्भाधीन पत्र में उल्लिखित आरईएलएचएस-97 की अन्य सभी शर्तें अपरिवर्तित रहेंगी.

इसे राष्ट्रपति का अनुमोदन प्राप्त है और इसे रेल मंत्रालय के वित्त निदेशालय की सहमति से जारी किया जा रहा है. उपर्युक्त प्रावधानों का व्यापक प्रचार किया जाना चाहिए.



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WESTERN RAILWAY

RE-OPENING OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES LIBERALISED HEALTH SCHEME -1997.

All retired Railway employees having qualifying service period and who have not yet joined the RELHS-97, will be given another last and final chance to join RELHS-97.

The period during which this scheme shall be remained open for a period of ONE YEAR from the date of issue of Railway Board's letter dtd.31.05.2012 i.e. upto 31.05.2013. (Thirty First March Two Thousand and Thirteen only).

The scheme has been approved by Railway Board with the special conditions that there will be a "LOCK-IN-PERIOD" of six months from the date on which a retired employee joins the scheme i.e. the date of depositing the fees. During this period, the retired employee will be entitled for medical treatment as available in Railway Hospitals and other Govt. Hospitals including Govt. owned autonomous hospitals and Govt. Medical College Hospital only. They shall not be referred to private hospitals, which are recognised for Railway employees and other RELHS card holders.

In any circumstances and in any medical condition, during the "LOCK-IN-PERIOD" reimbursement of medical claims for treatment taken in private hospital including the private recognised hospital will not be permitted.

The retired employees who are willing to join this scheme must give a clear declaration alongwith application that he / she is joining the scheme with full knowledge about the "LOCK-IN-PERIOD". He / she should also give clear declaration that during the "LOCK-IN-PERIOD", he / she will not submit any reimbursement claims for treatment taken in private or private Railway recognised hospitals and would not challenge the orders of Railway Board to this effect in any court of law.

The instructions regarding "LOCK-IN-PERIOD" are also applicable to those retired / medically invalidated employees and spouses of Railway employees who died in harness / after superannuation and have not joined the RELHS-97 scheme earlier because they are permitted to join the scheme within 3 months from the date of invalidation / death of the employee.

(Railway Board's letter No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dtd.16.03.2009)