

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (Deptt of Health & Family Welfare), EHS Section OM No Z. 15025/23/2018/DIR/CGHS dated 17 June, 2019

Sub: Clarification regarding issue of medicines prescribed by specialists beyond the period for which the medicines had been advised

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to draw attention to the OM Z-15025/33/2018/DIR/CGHS dated 1st May, 2018, and to clarify that:

i In chronic cases where the diagnosis has been made and the line of treatment has been decided by the specialist of CGHS/Govt/ Empanelled hospital, there is no need to refer the patient just for extension of validity period of prescription. The prescriptions in such cases may be repeated by the concerned doctor of CGHS Wellness Centre.

ii. Only in such cases, where therein there is need for modification of the diagnosis and/ or modification of the line of treatment, the beneficiaries should be referred to the concerned specialist.

iii. However, in case of specific anti-cancer and other immune-suppressant drugs, medicines may be issued only for such periods as advised by the concerned specialists.

These orders are in supersession of all the earlier orders on the subject.

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