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**SNPWA CHQ/CGHS/2024/1**

**Dated 4th April 2024**

To

Ms Rolli Singh.,  
AS/ DG CGHS,  
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

**Sub: Mandatory linking of CGHS ID with ABHA- ID**

Ref: 1. F. No. Z15025/23/2023/DIR/CG

HS(Comp No.8236195)/3663776/2024 dated 28.03.2024

2. Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare dated .. Jan 2023

Respected Madam,

Your kind attention is invited to ref 2 above wherein it is clearly and emphatically stated that linking of CGHS ID with ABHA- ID is purely a voluntary process which will never be imposed on the CGHS beneficiary and will only be optional. It is clearly quoted in the above letter "Moreover, a beneficiary can participate at his/her own free will and choose to create his/her ABHA number voluntarily. Also, at any time, he/she can request for permanent deletion or temporary deactivation of the ABHA number."

Having emphatically stated that, suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, letter referred 1 above the linking has been made mandatory striking directly on the top of the heads of the CGHS beneficiaries unawares. The very objective of this letter is not only incomprehensible and inexplicable but is loaded with long term sinister and diabolical move of the Govt. to bring CGHS beneficiaries on the roads by depriving them of their existing legitimate facilities contained in the CGHS Scheme

1. We must very frankly state that in spite of all the virtues extolled in the ABHA exercise, we are highly apprehensive, and for very right and justified reasons, of the very implicit and concealed dubious long term intentions aimed at degrading the CGHS beneficiaries to a much lower level. It is a well-known fact that the CGHS earn their membership by paying huge amounts while the ABHA cards are issued to the lowest income group with only much lesser facilities of availing treatments at the Government hospitals and some private clinics. We cannot be blamed if we suspect that this is a sinister move to downgrade CGHS beneficiaries to confine their treatments to Government Hospitals and in some of clinics/hospitals of very less repute In several

departments like Ordnance Factories, Railways etc. Schools and hospitals are being either closed or handed over to corporates who are charging exorbitantly. Instead of resolving the innumerable difficulties currently faced by the CGHS beneficiaries, this move can least be recognized as a positive measure to ameliorate the conditions of the CGHS beneficiaries.

2. Our apprehensions cannot be termed unfounded just because we fear that there must be lingering thoughts with the authorities aimed exclusively at effecting cost cutting. Then it is quite unfortunate in that it heralds the beginning of CGHS beneficiaries being treated at par with Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries and virtually depriving them of huge and incomparable and distinct advantages that CGHS beneficiaries have in comparison to Ayushman Bharat Beneficiaries.

3. This in effect will mean that sooner or later we will have to face the harsh reality of standing in the queues of Govt. Hospitals and getting treatments from some pvt clinics/hospitals of less repute and this way compromising with our health issues.

4. In view of the above critical situation, we request that the order at ref 1 above should be immediately withdrawn and status quo restored to allay genuine apprehensions of the CGHS beneficiaries that this move of the Govt is exclusively aimed at snatching away the legitimate benefits that CGHS beneficiaries are legitimately entitled to in accordance to the provisions envisaged in the existing CGHS scheme.

Expecting positive and very expeditious action in view of alarming and widespread anguish and demoralization that this totally unwarranted and incomprehensible move of the Govt has led to amongst Senior Citizens of the Country

With kind regards,  
Yours Sincerely,



(G. L. Jogi)  
General Secretary

Copy to:

1. Respected Sh Apurva Chandra, Secy/ MOH& FW. He is requested to direct the concerned officers to restore status quo ante in view of alarming and incredible mental turbulence it has inflicted amongst Senior Citizens who are mostly ailing.
2. Dr Manshvi Singh, JS/ CGHS and Director Policy for kind information and immediate n/a please.
3. Dr Sateesh Y.H, Director/ CGHS. He is kindly requested to initiate action to restore status quo ante in view of wide spread and incredible mental agony that this move has inflicted amongst Senior Citizens ( CGHS Beneficiaries)