

Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of AS&DG (CGHS), MoH&FW, GOI with the members of Sanchar Nigam Pensioner's Welfare Association, New Delhi.

Date: 29.09.2026.

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: NHA Office, Jeewan Bharti Building, Tower-I, Cannaught Place, N. Delhi.

Chair: Sh. Sunil Kumar Barnwal, AS&DG(CGHS).

1. Members present:

From CGHS side:

- i. Dr. Sunita Verma, Addl. Director, CGHS(HQ).
- ii. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Vigilance Officer, CGHS.

From Sanchar Nigam Pensioner's Welfare Association:

- i. Sh. G.L. Jogi, General Secretary.
- ii. Sh. D.C. Sharma, Dy. General Secretary.
- iii. Sh. R.K. Mudgal, General Secretary, MREWA.
- iv. Sh. Anupam Kaul, DGS, AIBSNLPWA

2. Objective of the Meeting:

To discuss and address the issues related to the health, well-being, and quality of life of CGHS beneficiaries, particularly senior citizens and pensioners.

3. AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION:

The association drew attention to the following issues.

1: GLP-1 Receptor agonists for uncontrolled Type-2 diabetes:

- Raised by Association: Approval for the inclusion and prescription of **GLP-1 Receptor Agonists** under CGHS for eligible beneficiaries suffering from inadequately controlled Type-2 Diabetes, in accordance with established national and international clinical protocols and accepted standards of medical care.
- Decision: It is informed by the CGHS to the association members that CGHS vide OM dated 24.07.2026 has already accorded permission for inclusion and prescription of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists for management of obesity & Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus in eligible CGHS/CS(MA) beneficiaries.

2: Inclusion of Robotic Surgery under CGHS:

- Raised by Association: The **need to bring robotic-associated surgery** within ambit of the existing CGHS Scheme, wherever medically indicated and clinically appropriate, so that CGHS beneficiaries are not deprived of the benefits of rapidly advancing surgical technology.
- Decision: The CGHS informed the association members that CGHS has already accorded approval for inclusion of robotic-assisted surgery for cancer patients & assured them that CGHS would keep pace with technological advancements.

3: Inclusion of essential preventive vaccines:

- Raised by Association: Approval for the inclusion of essential vaccines, **particularly influenza(flu) and pneumococcal vaccine**, which are of considerable preventive importance to elderly and vulnerable CGHS beneficiaries.
- Decision: It is informed by CGHS to the association members that influenza(flu) vaccine is already included in CGHS vaccine list, however the matter for inclusion of pneumococcal vaccine is under consideration.

4: Strengthening the mechanism for procurement of indented medicines:

- Raised by Association: Plugging the existing loopholes and strengthening the institutional mechanism for the **timely procurement and uninterrupted supply of indented medicines**, so that beneficiaries are not compelled to purchase essential medicines from the open market because of avoidable delays or shortages.
- Decision: It is informed by the CGHS to the association members that as per the new drug procurement policy in CGHS, the indent medicines orders will be placed directly with the manufacturer bypassing any intermediary suppliers which will ensure timely procurement and uninterrupted supply of indented medicines to the beneficiaries.

4. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair & all the members of the Association.