GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे मंत्रालय)

RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2015/H/6-4/Policy **New Delhi, Dated: 05.01.2018**

The General Manager(s),
All Indian Railways
(Including Production Units & RDSO)

Sub: AIRF PNM item No. 12/2015- regarding reimbursement claim undertaken by railway beneficiaries for taking treatment for cancer in emergency— Amendment of policy guidelines.

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Guidelines regarding reimbursement for treatments undertaken in emergency have been defined in instructions contained in letter of even number dated 31.01.2007. Modification thereto have been carried out vide letters of even number dated 16.04.2007 & 02.02.2017 and No. 2017/Trans/01/Policy dated 18.10.2017.

2. A demand raised by AIRF through item No. 12/2015 in PNM forum seeking covering cancer ailment under the purview of emergency criteria has been under consideration of this Ministry.

3. The issue has been under examined in consultation with Finance Directorate of this Ministry. During examination of the proposal, it has been observed that though cancer ailments is a life threatening disease yet cancer is a loosely unsed term for a group of around 200 (two hundred) diseases and each type of cancer has its own protocol & modalities of treatment depending upon its severity (primary/tertiary). It has also been observed that since cancer treatment is mostly undertaken in a planned manner, therefore, it cannot be declared as emergency per se.

4. Taking note of the above observations of the fact that cancer is not defined under emergency by M/o Health & Family Welfare, it has been decided that on diagnosis of cancer (as per diagnostic report) the first occasion for treatment should be treated akin to treatment undertaken in emergency, since the stage of cancer is not known, so that timely medical intervention could be ensured as a life saving measure and to qualify such treatment for reimbursement of expenses as per CGHS rate in terms of Board's letter No. 2005/H/6-4/Policy-II dated 31.01.2007. **It is, however, clarified that reimbursement of treatment on first occasion in any case shall not be construed as a referral for undertaking future/follow up treatment**

for the cancer ailment and subsequent treatment shall be undertaken after obtaining referral from railway medical authorities.

5. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate in the Board's office and has the approval of the Competent Authority.

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