



MEDICAL COVER

Serving Coast Guard personnel and their families are entitled to medical and dental facilities from Armed Forces Hospitals/Sickbays/SSQ's/Dental Centre/MI Rooms on permanent basis to the extent these facilities are admissible to serving Defence services personnel and their families. Definitions and authorisations are as per Regulation for the Medical Services of the Armed Forces-83. Provisions under Travel Regulations governing moves of personnel/families in connection with medical matters are also applicable to CG serving personnel and their families, except for NOK/relative of a DIL patient.

MEDICAL CATEGORIES

The Medical Category denotes the employability of a service person. The system in the Coast Guard is akin to the Navy where category is based on S and A factors; the former evaluates fitness for service at 'Sea' and the latter for that 'Ashore'. The category does not strictly reflect the clinical condition. S and A factors are categorized from 1 to 5; and by convention SHAPE factor or factors involved, endorsed in brackets alongside; followed by temporary categorization denoted by 'T' with the number of weeks for which awarded, or 'Pmt' for permanent i.e. two years for recategorisation.

MEDICAL BOARDS/SPECIAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

(a) Approval of all Medical documents is done by the Director (Medical) CGHQ, for both officers and enrolled personnel. This differs from the practice followed in the Army, Navy and the Air Force which are governed by para 425 of the Regulation for the Medical Services of the Armed Forces-83.

MEDICAL DOCUMENTS

(a) Medical documents of personnel held at MI Room/Sick-Bays, are sent to the next unit when an individual proceeds on transfer; under intimation to Regional Headquarters and Bureau of Naviks. This ensures that the unit MI Room/Sick-Bay is aware of an individual's medical status and movements.

(b) Disposal of Medical Case Sheets of personnel discharged from Hospital.

(i) Non Fatal case documents: -

(aa) Officers: -
Coast Guard Headquarters
(Medical Directorate)
National Stadium Complex
New Delhi – 110 001

- (ab) Enrolled Personnel: -
Officer-in-Charge
Bureau of Naviks
Cheetah Camp, Mankhurd
Mumbai – 400 088
- (ac) Families
As applicable to families of service personnel.
- (ii) **Fatal case documents:** -
The documents after perusal by the appropriate medical authorities of Service Hospitals are dispatched to the Director (Medical), CGHQ for final perusal and necessary action.

COAST GUARD PENSIONERS

At present Coast Guard pensioners and dependents are not entitled medical cover from Air Force Medical Service, unless previous defence service entitles them to the same. Efforts are on to provide medical cover to pensioners from the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme.

REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES

Authorisation is the same as for defence service personnel, procedure and documentation similar, save that sanction is given at CGHQ only; thereafter the Accounts Office concerned deals with pre-audit and admission of claims as per defence service procedure.

SPECIALISED MEDICAL TREATMENT

The provisions are similar as for defence service personnel, save that the sanction is given at CGHQ, and all connected advances and settlement of claims/bills are dealt with the CG Section of CDA (Navy), Mumbai only.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CG PERSONNEL PRIOR TO RELEASE, RETIREMENT AND DISCHARGE

- (a) Release/Retirement/Discharge on completion of tenure of service limits or own request in respect of personnel in Medical Category S1A1: AFMSF – 18 in triplicate.
- (b) Personnel in Low Medical Category: AFMSF (ver 2002) – 16
- (c) Invalidments: AFMSF (ver 2002) - 16

The release Medical Examination reports (AFMSF – 18) and release Medical Board Proceedings (AFMSF-16) for officers and enrolled personnel are forwarded to Director (Medical), Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi for perusal, approval and further disposal.

ANNUAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATION (AME)

(a) **Officers :**

AME is carried out during August and September every year. (As per Coast Guard order 50/2002)

- (i) Officers of the Rank of Commandant and below: - By Medical Officer of the Ships/Establishments/AMA.
- (ii) Officers of the Rank of DIG and above: By the Medical Specialist of the nearest Service Hospital.
- (iii) Approving Authority: Director (Medical), CGHQ for DIG and above. Regional Medical Officers for Commandant and below.

(b) **Enrolled Personnel :**

AME carried out during Jan and Feb every year as per Coast Guard order 49/2002.

(c) Annual Medical Examination is to be carried out on form AFMSF –3 in triplicate, as per annual schedule notwithstanding Medical Board Proceedings being conducted in the recent past.

GOVERNMENT SANCTION LETTERS:-

Authority for various medical provisions for Coast Guard personnel are enumerated below:-

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| (a) | Provision of Hospital beds in Armed Forces Hospitals | 4273/1/DGAFMS/DGIC/132/S/D(Med) dated 25 Feb 67 |
| (b) | Provision of Hospital beds in Armed Forces Hospitals | 4273/DGAFMS/DG-1G/096/D(Med) dated 04 Sep 78 |
| (c) | Medical cover – Coast Guard Personnel | CGHQ/SC/1205/694-CG/D (N-II) 29 Oct 79 |
| (d) | Issue of medical equipment scales Coast Guard Headquarters | PC- MD/2608/1378/CG/D (N-III)/1 dated 18 Jun 81 |
| (e) | Scale of Central Stores Hospital Equipment (CSHE) for Coast Guard Establishments | PC-MD/2608/1378/CG/D (N-III)/2 18 Jun 81 |
| (f) | Medical attendance & Dental treatment of service personnel of the Coast Guard and their families | CGHQ/MD/2601/1731/CG/D (N-I) 29 Apr 82 |

- (g) Complement for 52 additional beds in Naval Hospital for providing Medical & dental treatment to serving personnel of the Coast Guard & their Families. MD/2052/CG/NHQ/928/DOI/D (N-II) 01 May 82
- (h) Scale of Central Stores Hospital Equipment(CSHE) for sick bays of Coast Guard Ships afloat like offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) and inshore patrol vessels (IPVs) in Coast Guard MD/2608/CSHE/575/CG/D(N-III) 11 Oct 82
- (J) Extension of medical facilities of Armed Forces Medical Services to the regular combatant personnel and their families of Coast Guard CGHQ/MD/2601/1340/UC (CG)/D (N-II) 24 Oct 97
- (k) Complement for 52 additional beds in Naval Hospitals for providing Medical & dental treatment to serving personnel of the Coast Guard & their Families. 2052/CG/NHQ/383/US (CG)/D (N-II) 24 Mar 98
- (l) Extension of medical facilities of Armed Forces Medical Services to the regular combatant personnel and their families of Coast Guard – use of appropriate form for grant of disability pension/commutation of pension PN/01012/963/DO (T)/D (N-II) 09 Jul 99
- (m) Medical/Dental facilities of Armed Forces Medical Services to serving Coast Guard personnel and their Families CGHQ/MD/2601/464/US/CG/D(N-II) 29 Mar 2000
- (n) Grant of medical advance to Coast Guard Personnel including their dependants for emergency/ elective specialised treatment from civil hospitals/medical institutions approved by ministry of health and family welfare CGHQ/MD/2601/108/US (P)/D (N-III) 21 Jan 2003