

1.14 Contributory Health Service Scheme (CHSS) Benefits:

- (a) The retiring employee has an option to retain the CHSS benefits available at stations where CHSS is operated.
- (b) The benefit is admissible only to the employee and spouse. However, CHSS coverage is also extended to the parents of the prime beneficiary who are wholly dependent on the prime beneficiary and are normally residing with the prime beneficiary and further provided the monthly income of both the parents from all sources does not exceed Rs.9000/- plus the amount of Dearness Relief (DR) as on the date of consideration. [CHSS Clause 4.1(d)].
- (c) Employee should pay the contribution in advance for a minimum period of one calendar year with reference to the pay drawn **prior** to retirement. This

needs to be renewed. Else, employees have an option to pay "one time contribution" of 10 years to be eligible for life long registration.

- (d) The rate of contribution is 1% of Pay in Pay Matrix per month.
- (e) The contribution towards CHSS shall be considered as deductions under Section 80(D) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the assessment years 2018-2019 and subsequent years vide Notification No. 9/2018,(F. No.178/29/2017-ITA-I) dated 16.02.2018.
- (f) **The reimbursement of any claim** for treatment under CHSS after retirement will be made by the Pay & Accounts Officer (PAO) of the office from where the pensioner retired. The bank account details may be provided to the PAO for direct remittance of the payment into the bank account. The claim format for the same is available at www.barc.gov.in/medg/md/html/forms/chss.html (**Annexure 16-A**)
- (g) Option is also available to join the scheme any time after retirement subject to payment of one time contribution for life long registration or arrears of contribution from the date of retirement. Employees retired from non CHSS station settled at a CHSS station can also become a member.
- (h) There is reciprocal arrangement for pensioners settled at stations where Department of Space is operating their Health Scheme for availing the various services under the scheme.

1.15 Fixed Medical Allowance (F.M.A) and Constant Attendant Allowance on 100% disablement. Option for CHSS benefits or Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA) is available to the retiring employee. The FMA amount is enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/- per month w.e.f. 01.07.2017. Also, the amount of Constant Attendant Allowance on 100% disablement is enhanced from

Rs.4500/- to Rs.6750/- per month w.e.f. 01.07.2017 (Refer Annexure: Pension Orders issued during 2017-2018).

5.15 CHSS benefits: The spouse of a deceased employee and other family members registered under the CHS Scheme can continue to avail of the benefits provided the deceased employee had completed a minimum of one year's service in the Department and spouse pays the contribution last paid by the deceased employee which is 1% of the Pay in Pay Matrix. The eligibility is further subject to the conditions that the spouse and other members of the family are otherwise eligible.

5.16 Fixed Medical Allowance: Family pensioner not opted for CHSS is entitled to medical allowance of Rs.1000/- per month.