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Press Release

PROVIDING SUPER SPECIALITY TREATMENT TO RETIRED INSURED PERSONS

The ESI Corporation under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India in its Chintan Baithak of 171st meeting of ESI Corporation held on 18.2.2017 at Kochi gave its approval for providing Super Speciality Treatment to retired Insured Persons. **Shri Bandaru Dattatreya**, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour & Employment, Govt. of India/Chairman, ESIC chaired the meeting.

Medical care including Super Specialty Treatment

The retired Insured Persons & their spouse are getting in-house Medical Facility Benefit on payment of Rs.120/- per anum. Now, the Corporation has approved in principle, extending the facility of Super Speciality Treatment (SST) to retired Insured Persons, subject to following eligibility conditions:-

1. IP should have been eligible for SST during his qualifying period of insurable employment before retirement.
2. Only IPs and his/her spouse shall be eligible for treatment.
3. IPs to enroll under Rule 61 within one month of their retirement.
4. Option to join shall be one time on retirement, No enrollment shall be allowed thereafter.
5. The existing beneficiaries under Rule 61 shall have one time option to opt for SST facility.
6. A retired IP who have opted out any time, after retirement shall not be eligible to rejoin on any subsequent date.
7. Ceiling of expenditure on SST/all referrals to tie up hospitals in a financial year may be restricted to 10,00,000.
8. An overall ceiling of Rs.15, 00,000 may be fixed for SST, in life time for both the IP and spouse.
9. IPs already retired but not enrolled so far may be allowed one time opportunity to join the scheme within the period of 3 months. However, they shall be eligible for SST only after gestation period of 6 months.
10. The medical facilities are extended to the widow of deceased IPs, i.e. widow who is in receipt of Dependent Benefit. The facility of SST may also be extended to such widows.

The Actuary has made a rough assessment of Rs.1700/- per month for Rs.10 lakh cover to retired member and spouse for SST. However, monthly contribution to be paid to avail SST alongwith medical benefits by retired IPs will be decided later on by Ministry of Labour & Employment. This facility is likely to be made available w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

ESI Scheme in India :

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a pioneer Social Security organization providing comprehensive social security benefits like reasonable Medical Care and a range of Cash Benefits in times of need such as employment injury, sickness, death etc. The ESI Act applies to factories/establishments where 10 or more persons are employed. The employees drawing

wages up to Rs.21,000/- a month are entitled to health insurance cover and other benefits, under the ESI Act. The Act now applies to over 7.83 lakh factories and establishments across the country, benefiting about 2.13 crores family units of workers. As of now, the total beneficiary population of ESI Scheme stands over 8.28 crores. Ever since its inception in 1952, the ESI Corporation has, so far, set up 151 Hospitals, 1467/159 Dispensaries / ISM Units, 813 Branch/Pay Offices and 62 Regional & Sub-Regional/Divisional Offices.
