

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, GUWAHATI

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD  
Held on 25.04.2022**

The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hospital Advisory Board (HoAB) was held on 25.04.2022 at 03:50pm in the Conference Room of Deputy Director's Office. The following members of the Board were present in the meeting:

- Prof. S.K. Kakoty, Deputy Director, Chairman
- Mr. Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar, Member
- Dr. Gagan Kumar, Chairman, HAB, Member
- Prof. K. Darunkumar Singh, Dept. of Civil Engg., Member
- Prof. Bishnupada Mandal, Dept. of Chemical Engg, Member
- Dr. Anuj Kumar Baruah, CMO(SAG) & HoS, Member
- Dr. Leena Barua, CMO(SAG), Member
- Dr. Kula Kamal Senapati, T.O. Gr-I, CIF, Member
- Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mout, Member Secretary, IITGNTEA, Member
- Mr. Rushabh Parikh in place of Mr. Sai Sumanth Madicherla, Member
- Mr. Mohan Ch. Nath, Member Secretary

Prof. Tharmalingam Punniyamurthy, Prof. Rakhi Chaturvedi, Prof. P. Muthukumar and Mr. Nanu Alan Kachari could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

**The following items were discussed in the meeting:**

**Item No.1:**

**Enhancement of Ceiling limit for prolonged and complicated nature of treatment in case of Critical diseases which presently fixed at Rs. 2.5 lakhs during the entire service of an employee under Rule 6.2 of Institute Medical Rules**

In the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24.08.2018, the HoAB advised to enhance the Institute ceiling limit as mentioned in medical rule 6.2 in consultation with Institute Medical Board as the current hospitalization expenses is increasing day by day and last enhancement was done in 2011. Following resolution of HoAB, the Medical Board of IITG recommended to enhance the ceiling limit of Medical reimbursement from Rs. 2.5 lacs to Rs. 7.5 lacs (an increase by 3 times) in case of critical illness.

The recommendation of Medical Board has been put up in the 94<sup>th</sup> BpG for approval. The Resolution passed R\_94BOG/09/2018: *The Board advised that information regarding existing rules on maximum ceiling of reimbursement in case of critical disease under Institute Medical Rules 6.2 as prevalent other older IITs be collected and put in next BoG meeting with yearly financial liabilities.*

Therefore, a letter sent on 17.12.2019 to IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, IIT Mumbai and IIT Roorkee respectively, soliciting the rules on critical illness.

In January 2020, replies received only from IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur (out of 6 older IITs).

In 16<sup>th</sup> HoAB meeting held on 13.07.2020, the replies of 3 IITs as mentioned above was discussed. In order to arrive at a final resolution by the BoG, the HoAB advised to expedite the process of collecting any rules followed by remaining older IITs who have not responded to the earlier letter sent by IIT Guwahati in the matter.

Accordingly, the Medical Section sent an Official Note to the concerned Authority on the matter. After that No communication received till now.

The Group Medical Insurance Scheme(GMIS) is in place for purpose of hospitalization in case of treatment of critical illness. However, in some case, OPD treatment is the only option to treat a critical illness and in such cases the ceiling limit of Rs. 2.5 lakhs have been exceeded. In some cases, the treatment is not covered under GMIS.

One such recent case of Miss. Khyatiporna Sonowal, d/o Mr. Lalit Saikia where the ceiling limit of Rs. 2.5 lakhs have been exceeded. Miss. Khyatiporna is suffering E-beta Thalassemia which requires blood transfusion and medicines. The treatment is not covered under GMIS as such the reimbursement was made from the Institute.

The HoS, Medical Section informed that there 3-4 cases in IITG campus where the reimbursement limit has been exceeded the ceiling limit and also it is not covered in the GMIS due to nature of illness.

The HoAB discussed the matter and decided as follows-

**R/18/01/2022**: The HoAB resolved to increase the ceiling limit to Rs. 7.5lakhs from the present limit of Rs. 2.5 lakhs for critical illness under clause 6.2 of Institute Medical rules. However, the Board opined that a concurrence from Internal Audit and F& A Section of IIT Guwahat be obtained regarding this cost escalation in the ceiling limit before placing it to BoG for approval.

## **Item No. 2:**

### **Reconstitution of committee formed to provide recommendation in respect of Retired Person Medical Scheme (RPMS)**

Following resolution no. R/15/03/2019 of 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of HoAB, a committee was formed with following members to examine the RPMS of IIT Kharagpur, IIT Bombay and IIT Kanpur and provide recommendation on Retired Person Medical Scheme for IIT Guwahati

- Prof. Sudip Talukdar, Professor, Dept. of Civil, Chairman
- Dr. Tony Jacob, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of EEE, Member
- Dr. Arun Ch Borsaikia, TO Gr I, Dept. of Civil Engg, Member
- Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mout, TS, Dept. of Chemical Engg. Member
- Mr. Gunamani Das, AR(Medical),Member Secretary

After 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the committee, it was decided that two members of the committee will visit IIT Bombay March 2020 to discuss and collect details to frame a RPMS for IIT Guwahati. However, after outbreak of Covid-19 the visit was postponed and no committee meeting also held after that.

**R/18/02/2022:**

The Board resolved that the RPMS committee be reconstituted since it is being two years from the constitution of the committee and the Chairman, HoAB instructed Medical Section put up a note in this regard.

**The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all.**

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