

(ii) Free medical treatment may be accorded to all Apprentices, including those governed by the Apprentice Act, 1961, when personal injuries are caused to them by accidents arising out of and in the course of the training as Apprentices.

(Sub-section 10 of 602-R-1 1995, reprint and MOR's letters No. MH 58 ME1/24/Medical dt. 12.01/1960, No 64 H/1/51 dt. 23.05/1966. No.E(Trg)/64 TRI/89 dt. 27.05/1966 and No.E(Trg)/1/67/TRI/15 dt. 08/02/1968)

Sub-Section(11) Retired Employees

612 A "Retires Employees Liberalised Health Scheme-1997 (RELHS-1997)".

(1) Retired Railway employees covered under RELHS-97 will be provided with full medical facilities as admissible to serving employees in respect of medical treatment, investigations, diet, and reimbursement of claims for treatment in Govt. or recognised non railway hospitals. They will also be eligible inter-alia, for a) ambulance services b) medical passes c) home visits d) medical attendance for first two pregnancies of married daughters at concessional rates and e) treatment of private servants as applicable to serving railway employees.

Note: (i) Those who join the RELHS-97 shall hold identity cards with photographs of all the beneficiaries.

(ii) For the purpose of d) of subpara (1) above special identification cards will be issued duly affixing photographs of married daughters with clear instructions on the card which shall read " ONLY FOR CONFINEMENT AND TREATMENT DURING ANTE-NATAL AND POST NATAL PERIODS FOR THE FIRST TWO PREGNANCIES AT CONCESSIONAL RATES"

(2) **Eligibility:** Minimum 20 years of qualifying service in the Railways will be necessary for joining the scheme and the following categories of persons will be eligible to join the same:

- (i) All serving Railway employees desirous of joining the scheme will be eligible to join it in accordance with the procedure laid down herein under "Mode of Joining",
- (ii) All retired Railway employees who were members of the old RELHS will automatically be included in the RELHS '97.
- (iii) Spouse of the Railway employee who dies in harness.

These orders are not applicable to those Railway servants who quit service by resignation.

(3) Family/Dependents

Definition of 'family' for the purpose of this scheme will be the same as in respect of the serving Railway employees. The definition of "dependant" will be the same as in the Pass Rules.

(4) Rate of contribution

a) For joining RELHS '97, one time contribution equal to the last month's basic pay will have to be made at the time of retirement by those opting to join the scheme. The persons who are already members of the existing RELHS are not required to make any fresh payment. However, those who have joined the existing RELHS after 1.1.96 will have to pay the difference of one time contribution on account of introduction of fifth pay commission's revised pay scales w.e.f. 1.1.96. It will be the responsibility of the Railway Administration to realise the amount due from the concerned RELHS members.

b) In respect of pre 96 retirees the basis for the one time contribution will be the revised pension drawn by the retired railway employee for joining the RELHS-97. The rate of contribution shall be calculated as under.

- i) a) For employees who retired before 1-1-96 : Revised basic pension as on 1-1-96 including commuted value(Gross pension) multiplied by the figure of two. (b) all those who retired prior to 1.1.96 and joined RELHS between 1.1.96 and 30.9.96 are required to pay a one time contribution equal to their last pay drawn.
- ii) For family pensioners: A sum equivalent to double the amount of their revised normal family pension as on 1-1-96

- iii) For SRPF Optees : For those SRPF Optees or their widows for whom ex-gratia payment has been approved on the basis of the recommendations of the V CPC, a one time contribution at twice the ex-gratia monthly payment may be deposited.

(Rly Bd's Letter NO2000 H 28/1(RELHS) dt 23-06-2000)

(5) Mode of Joining

- a) All employees will have to give their option to join the RELHS '97 at least 3 months prior to their date of retirement. The option given once will be treated as final. No further chance will be given subsequent to retirement.
- b) Such of the post 1-1-96 retirees who have not yet joined the scheme will be given another chance to join by 31-12-99.
- c) For pre 1-1-96 retirees there is no cut-off date for joining RELHS-97. However they have to pay the contribution at rates mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.
- d) Members of RRECHS will also have the option to switch over to RELHS '97 by making payments as mentioned in sub-para(4) above before 31-12-99.

(Authority: Ministry of Railways letter No.91/H/28/1 dated 23.10.97, dt. 26/03/1999 and 97/H/28/1 dt. 17-05-1999)

B. Retired Railway Employees Contributory Health Scheme(RRECHS)

- (1) RRECHS will continue for the existing memmbers of the scheme. No new members will be allowed to join the scheme
- (2) The benefits under the scheme will be limited to out door treatment of retired railway employee and his/her spouse in Railway hospitals/health units
- (3) The beneficiary may avail of the facilities from the hospital where he/she is registered irrespective of the railways he/she has retired from.
- (4) The retired railway employee and his/her spouse will be entitled to the sevicees of the railway doctor of the same rank as retired employee was entitled to at the time his/her retirement. Free supply of medicines and drugs ordinarily stocked in Railway hospitals for the treatment of outpatients may be permitted by the railway doctor treating the case, who may also refer the case to the Hony. Consulamt attached to the railway hospitals for which no separate charges will be levied. Routine examination of blood, urine and stool including blood sugar, blood cholesterol, blood urea examiantion and routine Chest x-ray P.A view and routine E.C.G may be done free. Separate charges based on 40 % of the schedule of charges laid down for outsiders will however be recovered for indoor treatment, specialised treatment, other pathological examinations, radiological examinations and operations. Cost of medicines not ordinarily stocked in railway hospitals for treatment in the outpatient department, charges for blood when supplied form railway hospitals and charges for diet will be recovered in full. The facility for out door treatment for chronic diseases like T.B., Leprosy, Cancer and Diabetes etc. are as available to serving railway employees may be extended.
- (5) The existing members of the scheme who wish to continue in the scheme have to pay revised rates of contribuuiun at the following rates w.e.f 01/02 2000 in advance for either six months or whole year in acash or by cheque.

Categories of the staff	Rate of monthly contribution
Group 'D'	Rs.9/-
Group 'C'	Rs.18 -
Group 'B'	Rs 27/-
Gropu 'A'	Rs.36/-

- (6) The benefits of the scheme may be extended to the dependenat children of the retired railway employees on payment of additional charges at half the rates as mentioned in suub para 5 above for each dependenat child, the other terms and condiritions remaining unaltered.
- (7) Endorsement for the contribution made from time to time should be made on the identity card.