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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways & Production Units,
OSDs of all New Railway Zones,
Director General, RDSO, Lucknow..

Sub : Removal of age limit of 25 years in respect of medical facilities for dependent children of serving Railway Employees and Pensioner.

Ministry of Railways have decided to elaborate/amend Para 601 (5) and 601(6) of IRMM, 2000 as under:-

- (5) "Family members", for purposes of these rules, will include-
- (a) consort-
 - (i) wife of a Railway Employee, whether she is earning or not;
 - (ii) husband of a Railway employee, whether he is earning or not;
 - (b) sons-
 - (i) sons under 21 years of age provided they are wholly dependent on the Railway employee;
 - (ii) sons over 21 years of age without an upper age limit, even if not a student or invalid, provided he is wholly dependent on and resides with the Railway employee;
 - (c) daughters-
 - (i) unmarried daughters, irrespective of whether they are earning or not and irrespective of their age;
 - (ii) married daughters under 18 years of age and widowed daughters, irrespective of their age, provided they are wholly dependent on the Railway employee;
 - (d) step-sons, unmarried step-daughters, married step-daughters and one adopted child, subject to the age limit prescribed in (b) and (c) above, provided they are wholly dependent on the Railway employee.

Note:- In a case where both husband and wife are Railway employees, the wife may be allowed to avail herself of the medical attendance and treatment facilities either according to her own status or according to the status of her husband whichever is more favourable, the children may also be allowed these concessions according to the status of either of their parents and the preferential claim of reimbursement of medical expenses.

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(6). "Dependent relatives", for these rules, will include all such persons as are eligible for passes under the Pass rules and will thus include—

- (a) mother/step-mother ; if a widow ;
- (b) unmarried or widowed sisters or step-sisters if father is not alive;
- (c) brothers/step-brothers under 21 years of age , if father is not alive;

provided that the above are wholly dependent on and reside with the Railway employee. The words "wholly dependent" mean a person who does not have independent income more than 15 % of the emoluments of the Railway servant concerned or Rs.1500/- plus dearness relief thereon, which ever is more.

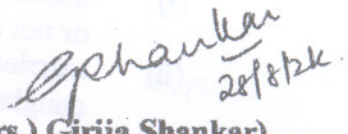
Note:- (i) The age limit prescribed in the case of brothers/ step - brothers will not apply to *bonafide* students of recognized educational institutions and to invalids on appropriate certification by Railway Medical Officer.

(ii) Mother includes adoptive mother only in cases in which the mother has legally adopted the Railway employee as a child and has, since adoption, always been recognized as the mother. A railway employee may not obtain free medical attention for his real mother as well as for an adoptive mother.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Dte. of Railway Board.

An advance correction slip with respect to 601 (5) and (6) of IRMM, 2000 is also enclosed for ready reference.

Please acknowledge receipt.


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