20.1 Besides availing the facilities under the Scheme, the employees and the members of their families are also eligible to go on their own to Government hospitals/Government-recognized hospitals for medical attendance and treatment (in Allopathy) as out-door and in-door patients. They should, however, report such cases in writing to the Department's Doctor/AMO within four days of the illness. Reimbursement to the employees in such cases will be admissible to the extent charged by the hospitals subject to production of bills and doctor's certificate [Para 5.9 of the Scheme read with DOS O.M. No. 9/1(10)/77-IV dated 07.07.1978, reproduced as DOS Order (35) under Chapter 2].

20.2 The employees and the members of their families are not eligible to get hospitalization/treatment directly from the Ayurvedic/Homeopathic hospitals/ dispensaries recognized by the State Government concerned. Such hospitalization/treatment should be taken only on a reference by the AMOs/AMAs [Para 5.7.3 of the Scheme read with DOS O.M. No. 9/1(10)/77-IV dated 07.07.1978, reproduced as DOS Order (35) under Chapter 2].

20.3 Female employees and wives of male employees are eligible for admission to a Government/Government-recognized hospital for confinement. In such cases, the confinement charges including charges for operative delivery/surgical operations are reimbursable in full [Para 10.5 of the Scheme].

Note (20): In terms of Para 5.9 of the Scheme, employees and their family members covered under the Scheme are permitted to go on their own to Government hospitals/Government-recognized hospitals for medical attention and treatment as outdoor and indoor patients, subject to their reporting the same to the AMO/Department's Doctor within four days of the illness. Reimbursement in such cases is admissible to the extent charged by the Government hospitals/Government-recognized hospitals. It appears, therefore, that the reimbursement to the extent charged by the Government hospitals/Government-recognized hospitals are to be allowed in full even if such charges are more than the CHSS rates. Another view could be to restrict the reimbursement in such cases to CHSS rates since the treatment, etc., availed in such Government/Government recognized hospitals is under the CHSS, and the charges payable cannot be more than the CHSS rates. This issue has been referred to the Department, vide ISAC letter No. 020/2(3)/2007-CHSS dated 02.08.2007, for clarification.