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To,

Shri Apurva Chandra, IAS.,
Secretary, Health and Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.**Sub:- Request for withdrawal of Mandatory linking of CGHS Beneficiary ID with Ayushman Bharat Health Account ID – regarding;****Ref: F No.Z15025/23/2023/DIR/CGHS(Comp No.8236195)I/3663776/2024 dtd. 28.3.2024 from Director CGHS, New Delhi**

Respected Sir,

This has reference to the letter under reference on the above subject matter. In this connection, we have been very much happy to listen your clarification on linking of CGHS with ABHA through various channels and to know your categorical assertion and clarification on the subject matter clearly mentioning that *"CGHS facilities will not be diluted or nowhere CGHS beneficiaries will be treated at par with BPL/ ABHA beneficiaries"*. *If it is true, the intension of the authorities to issue such an order vide OM dated 28-03-2024 (signed by Dr Manoj Jain ex Director, CGHS) advising them that "it is mandatory on the part of CGHS beneficiaries to link CGHS with ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account" that too within one month to create havoc and unpleasant situation and commotion among the CGHS beneficiaries,* is not clear.

It is a fact that ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) is entirely a different concept which, at any cost, cannot be linked with CGHS for obvious reasons. More over, there are lot of disadvantages involved in linking of CGHS with ABHA and therefore it is not at all safe or advisable for CGHS beneficiaries to link the CGHS card with ABHA.

In view of the above, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (CGHS Directorate), New Delhi is most humbly requested not to trouble/harrass unnecessarily the innocent CGHS beneficiaries by way of insisting them to link their CGHS cards with ABHA Ayushman Bharat Health Account and keep up your promise/assurance that "CGHS facilities will not be diluted or nowhere CGHS beneficiaries will be treated at par with BPL/ ABHA beneficiaries". Please maintain "status quo ante" on the subject matter by way of withdrawing the most controversial OM dated 28-03-2024.

It has been reported that in almost all the CGHS WCs in the country, a notice has been exhibited/placed with a slogan "linking of CGHS with ABHA" is mandatory. A large number of senior and super senior citizens who are members of this association are seeking clarification that hen CGHS beneficiaries are already facing lot of problems due to shortage of Doctors, Staff and other infrastructural facilities etc., in what way linking of CGHS with ABHA Ayushman Bharat Health Account will benefit to CGHS beneficiaries and will the CGHS beneficiaries will be ensured better treatment facilities at specialist hospitals by linking with ABHA? or will it be like "digging themselves their own graveyard".

An early action in this regard by by issuing suitable instruction to the concerned to withdraw the said O.M. dated 28.3.2024 will be highly appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours Faithfully

(Prahlad Rai)**General Secretary****Copy to: Dr. Manoj Jain, Director CGHS, New Delhi.**