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**CREDIT TO CGHS BENEFICIARIES IN EMPANELLED PRIVATE
HOSPITALS TO CONTINUE**

There have been reports in the Media that private hospitals on the panel of CGHS are denying credit facilities to the eligible CGHS beneficiaries for delay in settlement of hospitals bills. Lower package rates and inadmissible deductions etc. have also been reported to be the other reasons for withdrawal of agreed cashless /credit facilities.

24 out of 407 Private hospitals empanelled under CGHS decided unilaterally to discontinue credit facility to the eligible categories of CGHS beneficiaries. Show Cause Notices stand issued to these Hospitals and the empanelment of five Hospitals has been suspended for a period of six months or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

In this regard, the CGHS beneficiaries are advised not to be guided by misleading information as most of the private hospitals are continuing to extend the cashless facilities to the CGHS beneficiaries. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will ensure that the CGHS empanelled private hospitals continue to extend cashless /credit facilities to the eligible CGHS beneficiaries in compliance with the terms and conditions as laid down in the Memorandum of Agreement signed by them with CGHS.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already taken special steps for clearance of pending hospital bills on a priority basis and the pendency of bills is almost cleared.

CGHS has already invited bids for revision of package rates through a transparent tender process, where the last date for submission of bids was 16th March, 2014. Steps are underway to conclude the tender process early.
