

**WESTERN RAILWAY**



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**No. E1054/WREU/FMA/Option**

**Date: 16/02/2022**

**To,  
All concerned,**

Sub: Fixed Medical Allowance to Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners - clarification regarding  
Ref: This office letter of even no. dated 15.3.2018

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The WREU, vide Outset item number 9 of the PNM meeting held with GM on 21-22 December 2021, raised the issue that Mumbai and Ahmedabad Divisions are insisting on 'proof of change of residence' from the pensioners who want to switchover from OPD services to FMA.

In this connection, this is to advise that when a pensioner wants to switchover from OPD services to FMA, only 'proof of address' should be asked for and not the 'proof of change of residence'. It needs to be appreciated that a pensioner may be already staying beyond 2.5 kms of the Railway Hospital or Railway Dispensary and availing railway OPD services. If such a pensioner switches over to FMA, he need not change his residence. He just needs to provide 'proof of address' to show that his residence is beyond 2.5 kms from the hospital or dispensary. It is also reiterated that as per extant rules, switch over is permitted only once in lifetime of the pensioner.

This has the approval of CPO(IR).

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