

29 states and UTs have signed Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyan (AB-PMJAY)

29 states and UTs have signed the Memorandum of Understanding and have started working on implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna. The pilots have started in 16 States / UTs. Other states/UTs will also start pilots before fully launching the scheme on 25th September.

The scheme architecture and formulation has undergone a truly federal process, with stakeholder inputs taken from all States and UTs through the national conclaves, sectoral working groups, intensive field exercises and piloting of key modules. Strict action will be taken against those running the fake websites on Ayushman Bharat and no enrolment is required for beneficiaries and there is no payment for obtaining services at empanelled hospitals.

Arogya Mitras training is being conducted in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Ministry of Skill Development to strengthen implementation and operational preparedness. Training has already been initiated in 15 states/UTs. The objectives of the AB-PMJAY is to reduce out of pocket hospitalization expenses, fulfill unmet needs and improve access of identified families to quality inpatient care and day care surgeries. The services will include more than 1300 procedures covering pre and post hospitalization, diagnostics, medicines etc., and the beneficiaries will be able to move across borders and access services across the country through the provider network seamlessly.

Shri. Nadda ji said that the Government has given total flexibility to the States to choose their own modes of implementation among Insurance, Trust or Mixed Mode and Government is ready to provide the required support also. He further said that NHA Information Security and Data Privacy are being institutionalized to provide adequate guidance and set of controls on the secure handling of Beneficiaries Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data in compliance with all laws and regulations applicable.

The information security is based on international best practices and India specific regulations and more than 94 controls set at various levels for secure handling of sensitive personal data. Strong measures have been taken to ensure security and privacy of data obtained, stored and used based on international best practices and India specific regulations.

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship presided over a MoU signing ceremony between National Health Agency (NHA) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for skilling 1 lakh Arogya Mitras.

NSDC through the Skills Development Centres under the larger National Skill Qualification Framework including Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK), Centres of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) will help NHA in building capacity of Arogya Mitras. PMKK platform would be used to train and certify Arogya Mitra at each hospital. NSDC through Health Sector Skill Council (HSSC) is preparing training content and will train PMKKs from all the states. In future, platform of NSDC would also be used to build capacity of staff other than Arogya Mitra, this will contribute heavily in the area of skill development.

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