

Restructuring of National Health Agency as “National Health Authority” Approved (Download PDF)

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The Union Cabinet approved the restructuring of existing National Health Agency as “National Health Authority” for better implementation of Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). No new funds have been approved.

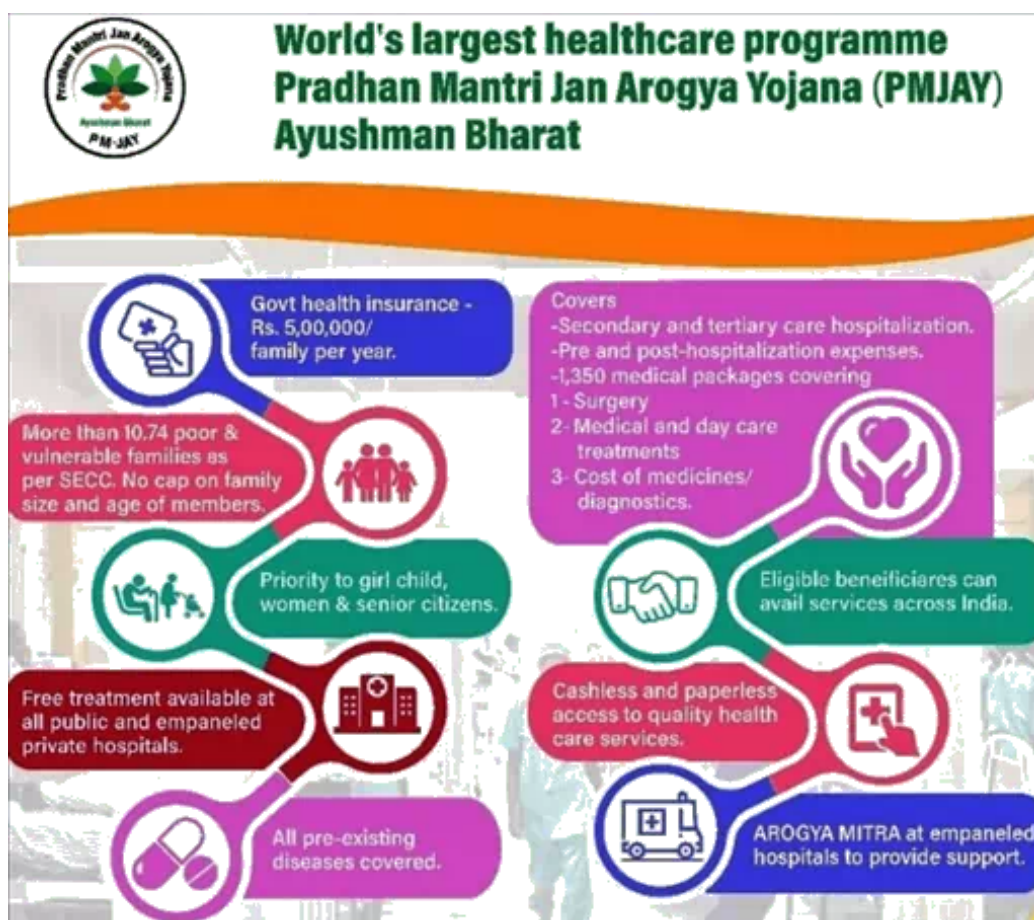


Image Of Arogya Yojana

- With this approval, the existing society “National Health Agency” has been dissolved and will be replaced by National Health Authority as an attached office to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- The existing multi-tier decision making structure has been replaced with the Governing Board chaired by the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India which will enable the decision making at a faster pace, required for smooth implementation of the scheme.
- Besides, the States shall also be represented in the Governing Board on rotational basis.

- Existing budget that was approved earlier by the Cabinet for The National Health Agency, including costs related to IT, human resources, infrastructure, operational costs etc. would be utilized by the proposed National Health Authority.
- It is envisaged that the National Health Authority shall have full accountability, authority and mandate to implement PM-JAY through an efficient, effective and transparent decision-making process.

About PM-JAY

- Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana
- PM-JAY, is being described as the world's largest health insurance scheme.
- It is a cashless and paperless access to health services up to Rs. 5 lakhs per year to poor and vulnerable people identified as per the socio economic caste census.
- PM-JAY completed 100 days of implementation on 31st December 2018.
- So far, 41.5 lakh e-cards have issued to the beneficiaries with more than 6.95 lakh beneficiaries having availed services under PM-JAY through a network of 16,157 empaneled (and in process) hospitals, amounting to the tune of Rs. 924 crores.

Benefits

- It will lead to more effective implementation of PM-JAY as it will align the accountability with responsibility.
- With the authority, faster decision-making will be done, as the multi-layered structure has been simplified and the role of the Authority has been clarified.
- Availability of quality services will be there as the Authority will be able to specify treatment protocols and enforce their compliance.
- There will be reduction in leakages as the Authority will have stronger mandate to prevent, detect and control frauds and abuse and redress grievances. Government is also looking at increase in private sector investment in healthcare services, as the Authority will have the clear mandate to be a strategic purchaser and be able to set appropriate rates.
- The composition of the Governing Board is broad based with due representations from the Government, domain experts, etc.

About National Health Authority

Health is an important cornerstone to the Government's vision of development, 'Swasth Bharat, Samriddha Bharat (Healthy India, Prosperous India).

Ayushman Bharat Continuum of Care – NHPS/CPHC

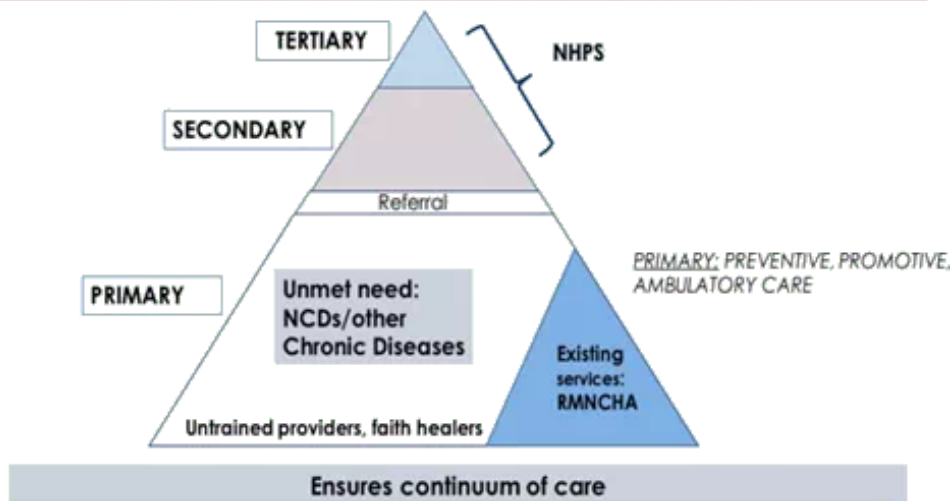


Image Of Ayushman Bharat

- To fulfil the vision of Health for All and Universal Health Coverage, enshrined in the National Health Policy 2017, the Government conceived Ayushman Bharat' (Healthy India), a pioneering initiative led by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Ayushman Bharat (AB) is an attempt to move from sectoral and segmented approach of health service delivery to a comprehensive need-based health care service.
- Ayushman Bharat aims to undertake path breaking interventions to holistically address health (covering prevention, promotion and ambulatory care), at primary, secondary and tertiary level. Ayushman Bharat adopts a continuum of care approach, comprising of two inter-related components.

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