

Addendum-II to Beneficiary Identification Guidelines

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Objective

In supersession to all earlier guidelines about adding new member(s) to families under AB PM-JAY, the purpose of this addendum is to lay down and define controls under 'Add Member' functionality in AB PM-JAY to further strengthen and enhance the scheme design and implementation in context of beneficiary e-Card generation.

This addendum amends and modifies Section 1E and 8B of 'Guidelines on Process of Beneficiary Identification' and supersedes earlier addendum issued on 20.03.2020.

Addition of Members to a PMJAY eligible household¹

Who can be added?

The AB PM-JAY scheme allows addition of new members to AB PM-JAY eligible families for the following relationships:

- a. Son;
- b. Daughter;
- c. Daughter-in-law
- d. Wife
- e. Son-in-law or husband in specific cases of matrilineal society

These are the only relations where member addition will be permissible through add member feature of BIS. States implementing converged schemes on national platform may request for other relationships to be added for add member feature. The responsibility to deploy proper checks and balances will lie with the respective State.

How can one add new member?

In order to add a family member, at least one of the existing family members must be verified and the identity document used for the verification must be Aadhaar.

¹ The terms households and families are used interchangeably in context of this guideline

However, for States having low Aadhaar penetration or low internet penetration, they may be allowed to add member without Aadhaar using alternate mechanism including OTP on the mobile number of the existing member with respect to whom new member is being added. Any such provision will be made only on the express request of SHA. However, NHA strongly recommends the mandatory use of Aadhaar for add member facility.

What documents are required?

For addition, the new member must produce:

- A birth certificate establishing relationship with existing member OR
- A marriage certificate establishing relationship with existing member OR
- An Adoption certificate establishing relationship with existing member

For AB PM-JAY families, States may be allowed to use other documents as acceptable IDs for adding these relations subject to express request in this regard. These other acceptable IDs shall be those which are mandatorily issued by Central / State Government or equivalent authority for the purpose of identification and they should bear unique verifiable number.

Wherever NFSA database is being used, API based integration may be done to directly fetch the family details from NFSA database.

Note 1: Member addition is permitted to an existing PMJAY eligible household only if the date of birth/date of adoption/date of marriage registration is on or after 01/04/2011.

Note 2: A PMJAY eligible female member married into a non-PMJAY eligible household is not permitted to add members of the non-PMJAY eligible household. However, such eligible female member shall continue to avail the benefit of PM JAY as PM JAY beneficiary. In addition, only for states with matriarchal society, addition of husband as a family member may be allowed.

Note 3: This guideline should be applicable from the date of issue. Any e-Cards that have been created using Add Member functionality across India before the date of release of this addendum, shall have no change, and shall continue to be in effect, unless otherwise specifically mentioned by NHA over any separate communication(s).