

NATIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Guidelines for Release of Grant-in-Aid for Implementation Purpose

Target Beneficiaries for whom Grant-in-Aid will be released:

Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) provides a defined annual benefit cover of Rs. 5.00 lakh per family on a family floater basis to over 10.74 crore poor, deprived rural families and identified occupational categories of urban workers' families as per the Socio Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC), upon due adjustment of null data records. The Scheme also covers existing RSBY Beneficiary Families which did not figure in the SECC database.

However, for the sake of clarity, the higher number of beneficiary families appearing in either SECC Database or existing RSBY-enrolled Beneficiary Families will be considered for deciding the total number of eligible beneficiary families. With the implementation of AB PM-JAY, the existing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and Senior Citizen Health Insurance Scheme (SCHIS) being implemented by States stand subsumed in AB PM-JAY.

1. Maximum Annual Ceiling Limit and Sharing Pattern Ratio

A. Maximum Annual Ceiling Limit:

- The actual premium and / or treatment cost of AB PM-JAY Beneficiary Families or the maximum ceiling of the estimated annual grant-in-aid / family as decided by Government of India, whichever is less , would be shared between Central Government and States / Union Territories (UTs) in the ratio as per the directives issued by Ministry of Finance from time to time. This amount shall be subject to amendment as when amended by the directives issued by Ministry of Finance in this regard.
- The maximum annual grant-in-aid as NHA's Share will be as under:

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For North-Eastern Region, two Himalayan States and one Union Territory viz. Jammu & Kashmir	90% of Annual Maximum Ceiling as decided by Government of India from time to time. viz. Rs. 946.80 (Rs. 1052/- @ 90%)
For States other than North Eastern Region, two Himalayan States and for two Union Territories viz. Puducherry & New Delhi	60% of Annual Maximum Ceiling as decided by Government of India from time to time. viz. Rs. 631.20 (Rs. 1052/- @ 60%)
For other Union Territories	100% of Annual Maximum Ceiling as decided by Government of India from time to time. viz. Rs. 1052/- (Rs. 1052/- @ 100%)

- The ceiling limit shall be applicable irrespective of the implementation mode opted by the State Government / Union Territory.

B. Sharing Pattern between Central and State Government:

- The existing sharing pattern ratio is 60:40 between the Central Government and the States Government / Union Territories, for all States and Union Territories *other than* the seven North-Eastern & two Himalayan States and Union Territories, which have their own Legislatures; and
- For the seven North-Eastern States, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and two Himalayan States (viz. Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand), the ratio of sharing between the Central and State Governments will be 90:10; and
- For Union Territories which do not have their own Legislatures, the Central Government may provide up to 100% on a case-to-case basis.

2. Procedure for release of Grant-in-Aid

- The SHA will need to share the details of the designated escrow accounts with NHA within 7 days of opening / any change in the details of designated escrow account. The process of funds release shall be as follows:

- For the purpose of deciding the annual tenure for release of grant-in-aid, the period shall be Financial Year i.e. From 01st April to 31st March;
- The State / UT shall release its share upfront into the separate designated escrow account of SHA opened for the implementation of AB PM-JAY and share the details of funds released along with the copy of bank statement to NHA.
- The States / UT shall also share the Utilisation Certificate, in Form 12-C of General Financial Rules 2017, generated through PFMS and copies of Annual Audited Statement of Accounts along with any other requisite document specified by NHA from time to time.
- The Central Government shall then release its share of premium through the designated account of NHA into the designated Escrow Accounts of the SHA of respective State / UT within 21 working days from the receipt of duly completed proposal from the State Government.
- Computation of central share of contribution towards premium payment shall be only based on the base of 365 (or 366, in case of leap years) days and not months.
- The complete fund flow of the scheme requires regular flow of information & triggers/intimation to Central Government/NHA/SHA for timely release/ monitoring of funds at all levels. Each installment of fund release should happen as per the stipulated timelines only. Both, NHA as well as SHAs, would ensure the timely disbursement of funds to downward agency using EAT Module of PFMS, respectively.

I – Number of Eligible Beneficiary Families

The higher number of beneficiary families appearing in either SECC Database (upon adjustment of null data families) or Existing RSBY Enrolled Beneficiary Families will be considered for deciding the total number of eligible beneficiary families. However, if the State / UT has

adopted a different beneficiary database, other than SECC Database, then, for such States / UT, the number of beneficiary families mapped with the SECC Database (in case a different database, other than SECC Database is used by the States / UTs), as the case may be, shall be considered for the purpose of release of grant-in-aid by NHA.

II – Stage of Release of Premium:

- (i) For States implementing AB PM-JAY in Insurance Mode Or States implementing AB PM-JAY in Mixed mode with regard to Insurance Component of Mixed Mode: Grant-in-Aid will be released as per the timeline decided in the approved Model Tender Document approved by NHA for the selection of Insurance Company or as per existing contract signed between SHA & Insurance company, if any.
- (ii) For States implementing AB PM-JAY in Trust Mode or Or States implementing AB PM-JAY in Mixed mode with regard to Trust Component of Mixed Mode: Grant-in-Aid will be released, preferably in two tranches of 50% each (around the month of May & October), subject to proportionate upfront release of State share and utilisation of earlier released grant-in-aid, if any.

The annual payable Grant-in-Aid in case of Mixed Mode, will be funds will be computed for the premium payment as per the applicable insurance contract signed between SHA and insurance company. Further, the computation of payable treatment cost of NHA's Share for claim payment under trust mode will be done from the left-over funds with revised beneficiary base (excluding null data records).

III – Other Provisions

- (i) Refund of premium: In case of Insurance mode, the due amount of refund shall be shared in the same ratio of premium contributed by NHA and SHA, respectively.
- (ii) Interest, if any has been accrued in the designated bank account (used for Central fund transfer and for operation of scheme) shall be allocated in the ratio of total contribution made by Centre and State in the financial year. The amount of interest earned shall be duly supported by the interest earned certificate issued by bank, without considering the TDS deducted by bank, if any.
- (iii) States/UTs will have to initiate the process of on-boarding new insurance company, preferably at the end of third quarter of policy period in order to avoid last minute rush to extend the policy period on monthly or quarterly basis which is not a financially prudent practice.
- (iv) For any disagreement / issues (pertaining to interpretation, understanding, etc.), the decision of NHA shall be final and binding on all States / UTs.
- (v) These financial guidelines are effective from 01.04.2020.