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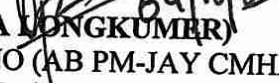
dated Kohima the 4th Oct, 2023

To,
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Sub: Response to Information Requested through RTI Application of Mr. Ekbal Hussain

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, information sought is provided as enclosed in Annexure A.


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Annexure A: Response to RTI Application from Mr. Ekbal Hussain

Query 1: Copies of any directives, orders, circulars, or communications issued by the Ministry of Health, Government of Nagaland, or any other relevant authority, specifying the directive to not accept Ayushman Bharat cards issued from Nagaland State for non-local patients seeking medical treatment in hospitals within Nagaland.

Query 3: Details of any communication or correspondence between the Ministry of Health and the Nagaland State Health Department regarding the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme and the challenges faced in ensuring uniform acceptance of Ayushman Bharat cards for non-local patients.

Response:

No such directive has been issued. Ayushman Cards issued through the PM-JAY database of SECC 2011/RSBY to non-local patients are valid and accepted for treatment in PM-JAY empanelled hospitals within Nagaland as per the national PM-JAY guidelines.

However Ayushman Cards issued under the State Scheme-CMHIS General Category through the state selected database of ration card holders (NFSA) or through new registration under CMHIS is valid only for Indigenous inhabitants or Permanent residents of the state. For more information on eligibility under CMHIS please refer to <https://cmhis.Nagaland.gov.in>. It may be noted that CMHIS for General Category is implemented in convergence with the national flagship scheme- PM-JAY, with access to the same hospitals, same coverage of 5 lakhs and same card design.

Query 2: Information on the procedure and criteria established by the Ministry of Health for hospitals in Nagaland to determine the eligibility and benefits applicable to non- local (other than indigenous people) patients holding Ayushman Bharat cards issued from Nagaland states.

Response:

Ayushman Cards issued through the PM-JAY database of SECC 2011/RSBY to non-local patients are valid as per the national PM-JAY guidelines.

As per the policy of the state scheme- Chief Minister Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) which is implemented in convergence with the national flagship scheme- PM-JAY, only indigenous inhabitants or Permanent residents of the state are covered under the CMHIS General Category Beneficiaries. For more information, please refer to the website : <https://cmhis.Nagaland.gov.in>.

Query4: Steps taken or planned by the Ministry of Health or the Nagaland State Health Department to address the reported issue and ensure the uniform and effective implementation of the Ayushman Bharat scheme, especially concerning non-local patients.

Response:

As a state scheme, CMHIS general category will continue to be valid only for Indigenous inhabitants or Permanent residents of the state, unless there is a change in policy.



Query 5: Any plans, if available, for reconsideration, amendment, or revocation of this directive in light of the potential implications for the beneficiaries of the Ayushman Bharat scheme and the overall goal of accessible healthcare for all.

Response:

Proposal has been submitted to the State Government on eligibility criteria under the State Scheme CMHIS General Category for which further direction is awaited.

Query 6: How many Ayushman Cards were issued to non-local individuals in Nagaland State?

Response:

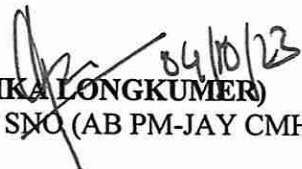
The database does not have an indicator for local/non-local individuals; hence this data is not available.

Query 7: the reason why Ayushman cards of non-local individuals issued by Nagaland State are not accepted for treatment at hospitals within Nagaland.?

Response:

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