

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781006

NOTIFICATION

No.HLA.557987/21

Dated, Dispur the 30-09-2024

REVISED GUIDELINES
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
ASSAM AROGYA NIDHI SCHEME UNDER GOVT. OF ASSAM

In the interest of the public service the Health & Family Welfare Department is pleased to revise the guidelines for implementation of Assam Arogya Nidhi (AAN) scheme under Govt. of Assam.

1. Assam Arogya Nidhi (AAN) was started in the year 2010, where there was no health insurance scheme to support the needy patients and now having several schemes like PMJAY, MMJAY etc has in implementation Assam Arogya Nidhi will be applicable only for the following cases:-

- i. The poor patients who require financial assistance during the period of hospitalizations will apply to the Principals/Superintendents of the Medical College & Hospitals who will refer such cases to the MD, NHM for grant of the financial assistance and the same will be decided immediately so that the patients get the financial support before he/she is released from the hospitals. Necessary financial support will be granted on the presumption that the patient has already exhausted the financial limit provided under PMJAY and MMJAY.
- ii. Literary, Artists and Sport Persons, who do not have Social Security coverage, to be considered for financial support under the scheme.
- iii. Cases which fall under rare category and duly recommended by People's Representatives will also be considered for financial support under the scheme.
- iv. NHM shall create a digital interface for requisition of fund by Principals/Superintendents of Medical College Hospitals for release of the fund expeditiously.
- v. Henceforth, Assam Arogya Nidhi (AAN) cell at National Health Mission, Assam shall not receive any applications through any portal, Office of the Joint Director of Health Services of the Districts or any other sources.

2. **Eligibility for availing AAN Scheme**

- i. Families with annual income up to Rs.5.00 Lakh will be covered under the scheme.
- ii. There will be no age limit for coverage under the scheme.
- iii. No Govt. employee or Govt. pensioners and their family members will be eligible under the scheme.

3. Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance under Arogya Nidhi can be availed to maximum limit of upto Rs.3.00 Lakh.

4. Hospitals covered the Scheme:

All financial assistance will be admissible for treatment in all government hospitals including Medical Colleges / Tertiary Health Care facilities, all hospitals registered under the Clinical Establishment Act 2010 and list of all empaneled hospitals notified under Assam Medical Attendance Rules 2008 and also those notified for PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana)/MMJAY (Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana).

5. Governing Body:

There shall be a governing body at State Level constituted for the purpose of examination of all applications and decisions thereof as to the eligibility for financial assistance under AAN and such governing body shall have members as mentioned below-

- I Hon'ble Minister, Health & : Chairperson
Family Welfare, Assam
- II Senior most Secretary to the : Member
Govt. of Assam, Health &
Family Welfare Deptt.
- III CEO, AAA Society : Member
- IV Mission Director, NHM, : Convenor
Assam
- V Director of Health Services, : Member
Assam
- VI Director of Medical : Member
Education, Assam
- VII Sr. Financial Advisor, Health : Member
& Family Welfare Department
- VIII Principal, GMCH, : Member
Bhangagarh

6. Grant of Assistance:

The Chairman, Executive Committee, State Health Society can approve cases for financial assistance, if deemed eligible for amount upto Rs.3.00 lakh. But in case of any proposal requiring financial assistance beyond Rs. 3.00 lakh, the same shall require the approval of the Governing Body.

7. Mode of disbursement:

Financial assistance shall be disbursed to the beneficiary concerned or reimbursed to the hospital concerned through bank account transfer/Cheque/DD etc. Advance payment shall only be to the hospital concerned subject to maximum of Rs.3.00 lakh.

8. Vetting of applications :

The applications should be vetted by Principal cum Chief Superintendent/ Superintendent, GMCH.

9. Fund for AAN Scheme:

As per govt. Notification no HLA.970/2018/129 dtd 09-09-2019, 40% of the leftover amount under AAA and PMJAY after deduction for actual expenditure by the concerned hospital would be contributed to the AAN scheme on regular basis.

In order to streamline this transfer of funds from various hospitals to AAN, it is hereby directed to transfer 10% of claimed amount under PMJAY by different government Hospitals (Medical Colleges, District Hospitals etc.) directly to AAN account from the office of PMJAY/AAA (SHA) as deduction at source and no further payment shall be made by concerned hospitals.

However, the funds already due and lying with various hospitals shall be calculated and settled within 30 days of notification of this order.

The fund deposited from PMJAY under AAN may be utilized to provide financial assistance to the eligible AAN beneficiaries following due procedure.

10. These Guidelines can be relaxed in emergency and extra-ordinary situations by the Governing Body.

The earlier Notification issued in this regard vide No.HLA.556/2021/21, dated 7th December, 2021 stands cancelled.

This will come into force with effect from the date of issue of this notification.

This has the approval of the competent authority.

By order and in the name of the Governor,

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department

Memo No.HLA.557987/21-A

Dated, Dispur the 30-09-2024

Copy for information to:-

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Deptt., Dispur.
2. The Commissioner & Secretary, to the Govt. of Assam, MERD, Dispur.
3. The Mission Director, NHM, Assam.
4. The CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society, State Health Authority, Assam, Nayantara Complex, Sixmile, Guwahati.
5. The Secretary (Coordination), O/o. the Chief Secretary, Assam for kind appraisal of Chief Secretary.
6. PPS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
7. The Principal Secretary, All Autonomous Councils/District Commissioner, All Districts.
8. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati.
9. The Director of Medical Education, Assam, Six Mile, Guwahati.
10. The Principal cum Chief Superintendent, All Medical College & Hospitals of Assam.
11. The Superintendent, of All Medical College & Hospitals of Assam.
12. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Assam, Dispur.
13. The Director, Printing & Stationary, Government Press, Bamunimaidam. He is requested to publish the same in the next Gazette.
14. The Director, Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Guwahati.
15. The Sr. Financial Advisor, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur.
16. The Executive Director, NHM, Assam.
17. The Officer on Special Duty, NHM, Assam.
18. The Director, Finance & Accounts, NHM, Assam.
19. The Joint Director of Health Services, All Districts.
20. The Treasury Officers, All districts
21. PS to Commissioner & Secretary, to the Govt. of Assam, Health and Family Family welfare, Dispur.
22. All concerned.....

By order, etc.

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Deptt.