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Office Memorandum

Subject: Revised Empanelment and De-empanelment Guidelines for hospitals under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)

At the heart of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) it is envisaged that the health services delivered to its beneficiaries and all activities working towards this should strengthen and reinforce the primacy of an effective provider network, and its accountability towards the beneficiaries of the scheme. Empanelment is a key aspect balancing adequate access.

Empanelment and de-empanelment guidelines serve as a basis for HCPs to join under the umbrella of AB PM-JAY. With the changing scenarios and the need for treatment to the beneficiaries under all specialities near to their home, there is requirement of larger network of healthcare providers in all regions.

Considering the above and also to ease the process of empanelment for all stakeholders, need for revision of Empanelment and De-empanelment guidelines was felt. Also, the suggestions from various stakeholders and field visits were considered.

These guidelines aim to provide a national framework and guidance to all State Health Agencies (SHAs) to ensure that adequate number of HCPs are available under all specialities for the beneficiaries of AB PM-JAY. Also, the process of empanelment should be fastened and easy for all stakeholders.

It is expected that this framework shall enable states/UTs to make informed decisions on different aspects of Empanelment and De-empanelment of the HCPs and, as required develop their comprehensive guidelines and issue a Government Order for the same. In so doing, it can help ensure that states/UTs have adequate number of HCPs for the beneficiaries and a comparatively fastened process of empanelment.

The revised Guidelines for Empanelment and De-empanelment of HCPs under AB PM-JAY has been duly approved by the competent authority of NHA. This will replace the existing document within stipulated time interval.

Please find attached Guidelines for empanelment and de-empanelment of HCPs under AB PM-JAY in Annexure. The revised guidelines will also be available on AB PM-JAY website.

This is issued with approval of the competent authority

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Enclosed: As Above.

To,

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