

Cancer Suraksha Scheme

Details (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

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Objectives (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

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- This scheme was launched under Kerala Social Security Mission.
- Those patients found eligible would be registered under the scheme and a Patient Card would be issued.
- Registered patients would be provided treatment free of cost at the designated hospitals.
- On further verification, if it is found that any registered patient is ineligible for assistance, the assistance would be stopped forthwith.

Important Features (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

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Benefits (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

- Under this scheme, children under 18 years would be given free treatment for cancer through designated Government hospitals in the state. The entire cost of treatment, including the cost of investigations, would be borne by the hospitals through the funds provided by the Mission. The ceiling of expenditure per child would be initially ■50,000/
- Note: The hospital can incur additional expenditure, based on the report of the committee comprising the Oncologist/treating doctor, the Head of the Radiology Department, and the Superintendent, subject to ratification by the Mission.

Eligibility (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

- The applicant should be a resident of Kerala State and scheme is applicable only to patients from Kerala.
- Cancer patients up to the age of 18 years in the Below Poverty Line (BPL) groups are eligible to be included in this scheme.
- Cancer patients should belong to families which are too poor to afford treatment.
- To be included in this scheme a confirmed diagnosis of cancer is a must.
- Those patients who are yet to complete 18 years of age and need treatment are eligible for the benefit for one more year.

Application Process (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

- To avail of the benefits of the scheme, the applicant may contact the following authorities: 1.
- Scheme counselor who is appointed at selected hospitals/covered hospitals under this scheme.
- 2.

- Concerned District Social Justice Officer.

Documents Required (Cancer Suraksha Scheme)

- 1. Copy of Aadhaar/ Proof of Identity of patient
- 2. Proof of age of the patient
- 3. Copy of BPL card
- 4. Copy of Ration card
- 5. Residence certificate
- 6. Passport-size photograph
- 7. Proof/report confirming the diagnosis of cancer
- 8. Registered Patient Card under the scheme

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