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Benefits (Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services)

- 1. To provide essential diagnostic services free of cost to all patients visiting government hospitals. No user charges will be levied on the patient. 2. Ensure the availability of a minimum set of diagnostics appropriate to the level of care. 3. Reduce high out
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 - pocket expenditure incurred by patients for diagnostics. 4. Use of appropriate diagnostics to screen patients for a set of chronic conditions so as to enable secondary prevention measures. 5. Improve overall quality of healthcare and patient experience as a result of the availability of comprehensive healthcare in public health facilities. 6. Free CT scan services, X
 - Ray services, and Laboratory services are being implemented in District Hospital, PHCs, CHCs, etc in PPP mode ■

Eligibility (Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services)

- 1. The applicant must be a resident of Assam. 2. The scheme is applicable to individuals of all age groups. 3. There is no specific income criteria, and the scheme is open to all socio

- economic backgrounds. ■ ■

Application Process (Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services)

- 1.
- Visit the nearest government-authorized diagnostic center or hospital.
- 2.
- Fill out the application form for the scheme.
- 3.
- Submit the necessary documents along with the application form.
- 4.
- Upon verification, the diagnostic tests will be conducted free of cost.
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Documents Required (Chief Minister's Free Diagnostic Services)

- 1. Proof of residence in Assam (e.g.
- Aadhaar card
- voter ID
- or residence certificate). 2. Medical prescription or recommendation from a registered medical practitioner. ■

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