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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
HEALTH SECRETARIAT

(G.O. Ms. No. 1, Puducherry, dated 24th January 2025)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to extend the benefits of the “Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB – PMJAY)” to the senior citizens of aged 70 years and above in the Union territory of Puducherry.

2. The salient features of the extension of the Scheme are as below:

(a) The benefits of AB PM-JAY would now be available to all senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status. These benefits will be available to senior citizens of 70 years and above in families already covered under AB PM-JAY (hereinafter referred to as 'existing families'), as well as in families which are not covered under the AB PM-JAY, (hereinafter referred to as 'new families').

(b) The only eligibility criteria for availing benefits under the Scheme would be attainment of age of 70 years or above by the individual. This would be determined on the basis of age recorded in Aadhaar. As per prevailing practice, Aadhaar would be the only document required for enrolment. Aadhaar-based e-KYC will be mandatory for enrolment and issuance of Ayushman Cards for eligible senior citizens of both existing and new families.

(c) Beneficiaries with other Central and State Government Health Insurance Schemes will be given a one-time option to choose between their current Scheme or the AB PM-JAY Scheme to avoid duplication.

(d) Senior citizens of the age 70 years and above holding active private health insurance policies or senior citizens of the age 70 years and above who are beneficiaries of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme would also be eligible to avail benefits under the extended Scheme.

(e) An additional shared top-up cover of up to ₹ 5 lakh per year will be provided for the senior citizens aged 70 years and above in families already covered under AB PM-JAY. This top-up cover up to a total of ₹ 5 lakh will be provided for treatment of senior citizens if, the other members have utilized full or part of the original family wallet. Further, if senior citizens (of the age 70 years and above) utilize full or part of the original family wallet of ₹ 5 lakh, other members of the family will be provided a top-up cover up to ₹ 5 lakh.

(f) A shared cover of ₹ 5 lakh per family per year will be available for senior citizens in families not currently covered under AB PM-JAY. This cover will be exclusive to senior citizens aged 70 years and above.

(g) The additional cost of covering senior citizens including administrative expenses will be shared between the Central and State Governments as per the existing guidelines of fund release in AB PM-JAY.

(h) Registration for all eligible senior citizens aged 70 years and above will be application-based only.

(i) Enrolment will be a continuous process, allowing registration throughout the year.

(j) A separate module has been created in mobile phone application (Ayushman App) and in web portal (*beneficiary.nha.gov.in*) for enrolment of those senior citizens who would like to avail the benefits under the Scheme. Desirous senior citizens would have to apply on this portal or app.

(k) A distinct Ayushman Card will be issued to all eligible senior citizens with the age 70 years and above for both existing and new families.

3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry, *vide* its ID No. 21173/PRO/FD/F4/A2/2024-2025, dated 07-01-2025.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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