

## NATHEALTH signs MoU with Association of Healthcare Providers India

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Taking forward the spirit of cohesive collaborations and partnerships to achieve the goals of Universal Health Coverage with quality care, two apex Healthcare Industry bodies- NATHEALTH and Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) have announced to work in collaboration with each other. The partnership aims to share knowledge and resources in the healthcare sector. The healthcare industry bodies have also agreed to work together in recommending price and cost models for key components of healthcare delivery.

NATHEALTH and AHPI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a function held in, Bengaluru.

In 2019, NATHEALTH had announced its partnerships with National Health Authority (NHA), NASSCOM, Wellness and Roche Diagnostic. AHPI similarly has formal association with key healthcare bodies including Indian Medical Association, Association of National Board Accredited Institutions and Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations etc. The partnership between NATHEALTH & AHPI therefore will promote more effective use of each other's resources, memberships and provide a wider representation of the healthcare industry to key stakeholders in areas of policymaking and creating a suitable environment to benefit all stakeholders.

This partnership will leverage the benefits of efforts on creating and implementing policies that help build trust, share knowledge and resource in the healthcare sector.

"We agreed to form a partnership with AHPI to work together in formulating a model arrangement for active participation of private hospitals in programs launched by the government. This would include creating a reference document for the public-private partnership. Collectively we will take up regulatory/taxation issues with authorities such as State and Central Government affecting patient care to improve quality of care or healthcare expenditure of patients," said Dr H. Sudarshan Ballal, President, NATHEALTH.

Speaking on the collaboration, said by Dr Alex Thomas, President AHPI said; "This partnership would provide momentum to

our ongoing efforts. With our combined resources, we hope to witness a significant contribution and development in the healthcare systems. We wish to network and share knowledge on various aspects of healthcare delivery systems and for the mutual benefits of members of two organizations to whom we are meant to serve.”

Under the agreement, NATHEALTH and AHPI have identified major areas of collaboration, which would promote information sharing, advocacy with governments, Private-Public Partnerships, rational cost structure & pricing, and formulation of Patient Charter.

The joint initiative will collectively act as an interface between the industry and government on various policy and regulatory topics to improve the regulatory environment in India.