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Eligible AB PM-JAY beneficiaries to receive free PVC cards starting March 1, 2021

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As per the MoU between NHA and Common Service Centre signed on Feb 18, 2021, the above mentioned States/UTs are among the first to agree issue new PVC Ayushman cards free to all eligible beneficiaries free of cost. Until now it was required to pay Rs 30 as fees at CSC. Ayushman cards generated at any of the PM-JAY empanelled hospitals, however, were issued for free and will continue to be issued free of charge.

Under the new arrangement, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY beneficiaries will receive a paper-based card on the spot post approval of the record. Subsequently, a printed PVC card would be provided to the beneficiary, free of cost. The PVC Ayushman Card can be collected from same CSC centre.

While the Ayushman card is not an essential requirement to avail healthcare benefits under the AB PM-JAY scheme, it is part of mechanism for the identification and verification of beneficiaries to enable seamless delivery of health services to the patients and prevent any kind of malpractice and fraud.

The date for issuance of free PVC Ayushman Cards in other States/UTs will be informed shortly.