

## **Inputs/Comments for NQAS**

### **Call for inputs to revise National Quality Assurance Standards**

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**National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC)** has been set up under the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India to serve as an apex body for technical assistance to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare & State Governments.

**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** has rolled out **National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS)** and Quality Improvement Division of NHSRC functions as secretariat for this initiative. The Quality standards are arranged around Eight Area of Concerns (Service Provision, Inputs, Patient Rights, Support Services, Clinical Services, Infection Control, Quality Management, and Outcome), Quality Standards, Measurable Elements and Departmental Checklists.

India has made significant improvement in maternal health indicators in past one decade and reached MMR of 167 per 100,000 livebirths. However, the pace of decline needs to be accelerated. It has been observed that many public health institutions are not able to provide quality of care due to lack of infrastructure, trained human resources and failure to adherence of protocols.

To ensure quality in Labour Rooms, Maternity Operation Theatre and Special New-born Care Units in public health institutions, NHSRC has revised quality standards to strengthen maternal and new-born services as per the international practices. In the light of the above Revised National Quality Assurance Standards have been circulated to invite inputs from organizations working in healthcare sector, technical bodies, knowledge partners and beneficiaries to get a holistic view of experts

**The interested parties may submit their comments only by e-mail at**  
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