

## **National Health Systems Resource Centre**

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## NOTICE

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has mandated the states/UTs to achieve NQAS certification in approximately 85000 public health facilities by December 2025. To facilitate the process of certification, the Ministry has also launched virtual certification of Ayushman Arogya Mandir – Sub Health Centres (AAM-SHCs) with 10% of virtually certified facilities undergoing the physical verification as well.

Recently, there has been a surge in the number of applications for the certification assessment with approximately 80% of applications for virtual assessment of  $\Lambda\Lambda M$ -SHCs.

It is also noted with a concern that there are large number of assessors who have not enrolled on SaQsham portal, and majority of enrolled assessors have not marked their availability for undertaking the national level assessments in the SaQsham portal. Also, there are assessors who are not willing to undertake the assessments through virtual mode.

In view of the above, following guidelines are being formulated for implementation from  $1^{\rm st}$  January 2025 onwards –

- 1. Assessors who have marked their availability on the SaQsham portal will be deputed for the national level of assessments
- 2. Priority for the assessments in physical mode will be given to those assessors, who have completed at least two virtual assessments in a month.
- 3. Empanelled Ayushman Assessors will also be deputed along with the empanelled External Assessors to undertake the national level physical verification assessments of AAM-SHCs.

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