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To
State Nodal Officers
All States/UTs

Subject: Transition time for Quality Certification for Ayushman Aarogya Mandir – Sub Health Centres (AAM-SHCs) for 7 to 12 service packages under NQAS

Dear Sir/Madam,

Kindly refer to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare letter No. Z-18015/27/2022-NHM-II dated 21st April 2025 regarding the expansion of Quality certification for Ayushman Aarogya Mandir – Sub Health Centres (AAM-SHCs) to all 12 service packages under the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS). As per the directive, all AAM-SHCs are required to be assessed for all 12 service packages.

In the QA Nodal Officers meeting held on 28th & 29th May 2025, a large number of states have requested for one-time exemption for acceptance of applications for the NQAS assessments of AAM-SHCs, which have already been preparing for the assessment on seven (07) packages before issue of the letter. It was also brought out by the states that preparing these AAM-SHCs for the NQAS certification on twelve (12) service packages will be a time-consuming process

Therefore, it has been decided to accept the certification applications of AAM-SHC on seven (07) packages till 30th June 2025. Please note that all the applications for NQAS certification of AAM-SHCs must mandatorily be for 12 service packages after 30th June 2025. No further relaxation in this regard will be possible.

All QA Nodal officers are also requested to ensure that facilities must have undergone state level NQAS certification prior to submission of application for the national assessment. On scrutiny, if any AAM-SHC does not meet state level certification criteria, such applications will be reverted back and subsequently it will be mandatory to apply on twelve service packages. Therefore, all states are requested to undertake due diligence prior to the National certification.

Please also note that on the attainment of state certified status, details of such facilities must be entered on SaQsham portal. Practice of providing data of state NQAS certification on the google sheet has been discontinued after 31st March 2025.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

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