

What is National Health Authority (NHA)?

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- The objective of the new system is to shift the focus of measuring performance of hospitals from **volume of services provided to the value of healthcare services**.
- The new initiative will introduce the **concept of 'value- based care'**, where payment will be outcome based and providers will be rewarded according to the quality of the treatment delivered.
- Under the new model, **the providers will be rewarded for helping the patients improve their health**, which consequently will reduce the effects of disease in the population in the long term.
- Under value-based care, the performance of AB PM-JAY empanelled hospitals will be measured based on **five performance indicators such as**: 1. Beneficiary Satisfaction; 2. Hospital Readmission Rate; 3. The extent of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure; 4. Confirmed Grievances and 5. Improvement in-patient's Health-Related Quality of Life.

What is National Health Authority (NHA)?

- It is the apex body responsible for implementing AB PM-JAY. It has been entrusted with the role of designing strategy, building technological infrastructure and implementation of "National Digital Health Mission" to create a National Digital Health Eco-system.
- It is the **successor of the National Health Agency**, which was functioning as a registered society since 2018. Pursuant to Cabinet decision for full functional autonomy, **National Health Agency was**

reconstituted as the National Health Authority in January 2019.

- **An attached office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** with full functional autonomy, NHA is **governed by a Governing Board chaired by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.**
- It is headed by a **Chief Executive Officer (CEO), an officer of the rank of Secretary to the Government of India**, who manages its affairs. The CEO is the Ex-Office Member Secretary of the Governing Board.
- To implement the scheme at the State level, State Health Agencies (SHAs) in the form of a society/trust have been set up by respective States.

Q1) What is a flagship programme?

Flagship programmes of a government are those programmes which are the main or most important and address major national concerns on health, education, environment, irrigation, urban and rural development, employment and other sectors.

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