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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(National Health Authority)

Dated: 13th December 2021

Office Memorandum

Subject: **PM CARES for Children**- Extending free healthcare services under AB PM-JAY to children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian or adoptive parents due to COVID -19 pandemic

Government of India has announced 'PM CARES for Children' scheme, for supporting children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian or adoptive parents due to COVID -19 pandemic. The scheme aims to ensure comprehensive care and protection for children who have lost their parents to COVID pandemic in a sustained manner, enable their well-being through health insurance, empower them through education; and equip them for self-sufficient existence with finance support of Rs.10 lakh, on reaching 23 years of age.

2 The scheme includes provision for free health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakh per eligible children under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme till 18 years of age and the same is being implemented by NHA. The eligible beneficiaries can avail treatment in any hospital empaneled with AB PM-JAY across the country. Detailed implementation SOP will be shared subsequently.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Director (NHA)

To

The Chief Executive Officer
State Health Agency (All States / UTs implementing AB PM-JAY)

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