

Modicare rolls out tomorrow, will secure 2.65L beds for poor

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New Delhi: The world's largest health insurance scheme — Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna — will be rolled out in 445 districts across 30 states simultaneously by PM Narendra Modi in Ranchi on September 23. The rollout will instantly make over 2.65 lakh beds available for the poor in around 10,000 empanelled government and private hospitals in the country.

Preparations are in full swing for the official launch at the headquarters of National Health Agency (NHA) which is responsible for implementing the scheme. Modi will give the green signal to the scheme at a rally in Ranchi on Sunday.

Officials said 98% of the beneficiaries have been identified by NHA along with state authorities and personalised beneficiary letters with family card from the PM are being sent to all of them. These letters will be



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used for identification of patients at the point of care.

“We have been conducting successful pilots in around 26 states for last one month and the response is tremendous. More than 10,000 gold cards have been distributed so far,” Ayushman Bharat deputy chief executive officer Dinesh Arora said.

NHA has also trained over 14,000 ‘Arogya Mitras’ who will be deputed at each empanelled hospital to provide support to patients identified under the scheme. They will play a

crucial role in facilitating beneficiary verification, authentication as well as in query management and grievance redressal.

NHA has started a website — mera.pmjay.gov.in — and a helpline number (14555) for prospective beneficiaries to check whether they are eligible for the scheme and will be registered at the point of care itself.

Though the scheme is yet to be launched officially, a payment request of Rs 28 lakh have already been raised so far from the pilot projects.

The scheme, dubbed as Modicare, aims to cover nearly 50 crore beneficiaries from over 10.74 crore “deprived” families as per socio-economic and caste census data with an annual cashless health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family. States where the scheme will be rolled out in the first phase include Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, UP, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, MP and Gujarat.