

INTRODUCTION TO QUALITY ASSURANCE UNDER NHM

NRHM was launched in the year 2005 with an aim to improve accessibility to quality health care particularly for the rural health population, bridge gaps in healthcare, facilitate decentralized planning in the health sector.

NRHM has been expanded into the National Health Mission in 2012 with a vision of attainment of Universal Access to equitable, affordable and Quality Health care for both rural and urban areas.

However ensuring Quality in the available services at Public Health Facilities has emerged as major challenge at present.

NQAS

Abbreviated as National Quality Assurance Standards.

- It's Objective is to certify all the public health facilities.
- Incentives will be given to the health facilities on attaining NQAS certification.
- Internal assessment of the health facilities has been initiated and is under process at all the health facilities.
- Under 6 thematic areas the following checkpoints namely:- ER, OT, LABOUR ROOM, MATERNITY, PAEDIATRIC WARD and laboratory are being assessed for certification
- At present 5 DPM's are working under QA.

KAYAKALP AWARD

It's a clean Hospital initiative under SWACHH BHARAT. Award prizes are given to public health facilities based on the performance of the facility on the following parameters.

1. Hospital/ Facility Upkeep
2. Sanitation and hygiene
3. Waste Management
4. Infection control
5. Support Services
6. Hygiene Promotion