

# Health insurance scheme will provide the financial protection

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The Punjab Government today initiated the process of its flagship Universal Health Insurance Scheme by issuing the e-cards to the eligible beneficiaries from public hospitals and Common Service Centres across the state . The scheme will be launched by the Chief Minister Punjab Captain Amarinder Singh at the state level Function on August 20, 2019. It was disclosed here today by Health and Family

Welfare Minister Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu in the meeting held with the senior officers of IFFCO TOKIO Insurance Company and Health Department.

Reviewing the functioning and progress of Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna, Mr Balbir Singh Sidhu said that Punjab government has appointed the 22 District coordinators to facilitate the beneficiaries at government and empanelled private hospitals. He said that the response from public is overwhelming, thousands of people have checked the eligibility on the official website of Health department at [www.shapunjab.in](http://www.shapunjab.in). He said that 104 helpline is also providing the complete information pertaining to the first of its kind Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna by 24x7 days.

Highlighting the key facts of Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana, the Health Minister said that this flagship health insurance scheme will provide the financial protection as well as health security to 70 percent population of Punjab which will cover the health insurance of Rs. 5 Lakh per family per year and ensure the secondary and tertiary health services. The cost of premium for 14.86 lakh SECC beneficiary families shall be borne by Central and State Government in 60:40 ratio. The premium cost of remaining 28.27 lakh beneficiary families shall be completely borne by the State (state treasury & departments).

Mr. Balbir Singh Sidhu further said that to facilitate the beneficiaries, 200 Ayushman Mitras have also been appointed in the public hospitals of Punjab to ensure that the benefits of insurance scheme would easily accrue to all eligible beneficiaries covered in the scheme and adding more he said that 40 official cum executives have also been appointed to manage the scheme under the State Health agency of

Deptt of Health & Family Welfare. Likewise, the insurance agency has established project offices and its State and District implementation units to facilitate the beneficiaries to claim insurance cover.

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