



**Notification**

**Subject: CGHS and ECHS empanelment Programs – Change in Fees, Validity and Special drive –  
regarding**

This notification supersedes the previous **notification regarding changes on NABH website (CGHS and ECHS empanelment program) and ECE Portal NABH/Gen/Notification/2024/6223, dated September 02, 2024**. The changes made are highlighted in Italics.

As per the directives received from the empanelment authorities (CGHS and ECHS), NABH has made the following updates concerning the issuance and display of the recommendation/Non-Recommendation letters on the NABH website.

**1. Validity of Recommendation**

- **ECHS recommendation letters:** The ECHS recommendation letters issued by NABH from June 18, 2024, onwards, shall have a validity of 2 years from the date of recommendation.
- HCOs are required to apply for renewal of the recommendation through the ECE portal three months prior to the expiry of the recommendation letter to avoid any de-empanelment from ECHS.
- **CGHS recommendation letters:** The validity of the CGHS recommendation letters issued by NABH shall be determined by CGHS Head office.

**2. Display of Recommendation Letters:**

- The Recommendation/Non-Recommendation letters issued by NABH shall no longer be uploaded to the ECE portal.
- Only hard copy of Recommendation/Non-Recommendation letters shall be shared with the hospitals and the respective empanelment authorities (CGHS/ ECHS).
- The Recommendation/Non-Recommendation letter shall also be displayed on the NABH website under CGHS and ECHS empanelment program under following link:

ECHS - <https://nabh.co/certified-hospital-echs-list/>

CGHS - <https://nabh.co/certified-hospital-cghs-list/>

3. **QCI Certification Verification** – To further strengthen the verification process, NABH has created a separate email ID [verification@nabh.co](mailto:verification@nabh.co), exclusively to address queries related to the verification of NABH Certificates, scopes and recommendation letters. The same will be mentioned on the recommendation letter issued by NABH-QCI, also.

**4. Harmonization and Modifications in ECHS Scopes and Application form:**

- Orthopaedic services with/without Joint replacement and arthroscopy services shall be mentioned as a single recommendation.
- Anaesthesia, Critical Care shall be clearly endorsed in the certificate.
- “ICU” scope of services shall not be recommended separately
- Cardiology (invasive/ non-invasive/ interventional/ non-interventional) shall be represented under one nomenclature.
- Recommendations shall be based solely on the observations made during inspection with no advisories issued.
- Clinical services requiring anaesthetist (e.g: obstetrics/gynaecology, Neurosurgery etc..) shall not be recommended without an anaesthetist.
- In Tier 1 cities, the HCO should have inhouse lab and imaging facility. In Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, if any service is recommended based on an MoU with outsourced facility, this should be clearly stated in the certificate.

**5. NABH General OT Guidelines:** Eye care organizations to follow NABH General OT Guidelines. HCOs are required to refer to the Guidelines for air Conditioning in OT-2018, link for the same is mentioned below:

[https://nabh.co/Announcement/RevisedGuidelines\\_AirConditioning.pdf](https://nabh.co/Announcement/RevisedGuidelines_AirConditioning.pdf)

**6. Inspection Fee:** With the introduction of validity and renewal of applications, the 2-year fee for inspection shall be as follows:

Sl. No.	Type of facility	Bed strength	Application Fee per facility	GST
1	Hospitals	More than 100 beds	Rs. 35,000/-	@ 18% or as applicable
		Less than 100 beds	Rs. 30,000/-	
2	Diagnostic Centres, Eye, Dental clinics and physiotherapy centres	Not applicable	Rs. 25,000/-	

**In addition to the above fees, the Health Care Organizations (HCOs) shall arrange and bear the cost for the travelling, boarding and lodging for the assessor(s).**

**7. Special drive for ECHS empanelment of healthcare facilities in Northeast and J&K:** A special drive is being conducted to boost the ECHS empanelment of healthcare facilities in the Northeast (the Seven Sisters states, i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura) and J&K.

A one-time discount of 50% is available on the ECHS inspection Fee for Hospitals in the North East (the Seven Sisters states, i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura) and Jammu & Kashmir. The fee discount shall be valid until March 31, 2025, as a part of special drive to increase the reach of ECHS facilities and provide quality care to ECHS beneficiaries in these underserved areas.



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Sl. No.	Type of facility	Bed strength	Application Fee per facility after 50% discount	GST
1	Hospitals	More than 100 beds	Rs. 17,500/-	@ 18% or as applicable
		Less than 100 beds	Rs. 15,000/-	
2	Diagnostic Centres, Eye, Dental clinics and physiotherapy centres	Not applicable	Rs. 12,500/-	

**In addition to the above fees, the Health Care Organizations (HCOs) shall arrange and bear the cost for the travelling, boarding and lodging for the assessor(s).**

These updates will greatly benefit our stakeholders by enhancing transparency and ensuring that accurate and up-to-date information is accessible. We appreciate your attention to these changes and look forward to your continued collaboration.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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