

**Government of Odisha**  
**Information & Public Relations Department**

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**NOTIFICATION**

The Governor is pleased to hereby notify the "Odisha State Working Journalists' Health Insurance Scheme- 2016" for Journalists of Odisha to provide Insurance facility as under:-

1. The scheme shall be called "Odisha State Working Journalists' Health Insurance Scheme- 2016".
2. This scheme shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Odisha Gazette.
3. Implementing Agency:- Director, I & P.R. Department shall be the implementing agency of the scheme.

4. DEFINITIONS :-

- (i) Scheme means "Odisha State Working Journalists' Health Insurance Scheme- 2015".
- (ii) "Working Journalist" means the Working Journalist as defined in Section 2(f) of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous provisions Act 1955.
- (iii) "Fund" means the Orissa Working Journalist Welfare Fund.
- (iv) "Form" means a form appended to this Notification.
- (v) "Government" means Government in I & P.R. Department.
- (vi) "Hospital" means any hospital for indoor care, treatment of sickness and injuries which include :-
  - (a) All the Government hospitals in the State of Odisha (CHCs, District hospitals & All Medical Colleges).
  - (b) Private hospitals inside Odisha which have been duly approved by the Government in Health and Family Welfare Department.

5. Eligibility :-

- (i) The scheme shall apply to accredited journalists/ correspondents/ journalists of approved newspapers/ Periodicals/ Electronic Medias/ Web Medias/ News Agency as identified by Govt. from time to time.
- (ii) The scheme shall not be applicable to the journalists whose recognition has been suspended or cancelled.
- (iii) The scheme shall also be applicable to the family members of eligible journalists including spouse and three dependents.

- (iv) The scheme shall be optional. It is not mandatory to all journalists to opt for the scheme.

6. Operation:-

Insurer:- The insurer will be selected through tender process/from the selected list approved by other Departments of Govt. such as Agriculture/Health etc.

7. Premium:-

- (i) The annual premium will be decided on selection of Insurer.
- (ii) All the journalists covered under the scheme shall pay 100% premium for the insurance of Rs. 2.00 lakh per year.
- (iii) 75% of the premium shall be refunded/ credited to the account of journalist by the Govt. after receipt of a certificate from his/her Employer (owner of the Media Organization) stating that the journalist concerned is an employee and his/ her name is in the Pay Roll of the Media House/ Organization.
- (iv) The premium required for implementation of Health Insurance Scheme for the working journalists shall be met from the interest accrued from the Corpus Fund meant for the welfare of the Working Journalist.
- (v) The insurer will complete the formalities of insurance with the individual and with the Department.

8. Period of Insurance:- The insurance coverage under the scheme shall be of one year from the date of commencement of the policy which could be renewed every year.

9. Coverage:- Mediciam coverage up to Rs. 2.00 lakh.

10. Covered Medical Expenses :-

- (i) Room, Boarding in General Ward and Nursing Expenses as provided by the Hospital as per condition.
- (ii) Surgeon, Anesthetist, Medical Practitioner, Consultants, Specialists Fees.
- (iii) Anesthesia, Blood, Oxygen, Operation Theater Charges, Surgical, Appliances, Medicines & Drugs, Diagnostic Materials and X-ray, Limbs implanted in the body & cost of organs and similar expenses.

11. Administration of the scheme: - A co-coordinating committee at the state level would be constituted by the State Government to administer, implement, monitor, review and redressal of Grievances related to the scheme.

The committee at state level would be constituted as follows.

- Director, I & P.R. - Chairman
- Director, H. & F.W. - Member

- Joint Director/Dy. Director (press) - Member
  - Representative from insurance company- Member
  - Representatives from the Recognized Journalist Unions - Member
12. Enrolment of Beneficiaries:- Data base and details of the working journalists will be provided by Director, I & P.R. Deptt. in both hard and soft copy to the Insurance Company.
13. I.D. Card:- I.D. Card shall be issued by Insurance company. The Journalists to be covered under this scheme shall bear the registration fees, i.e. cost of smart card issued for the purpose.
14. Claim Settlement: - The payments under the scheme by the Insurance Company shall be based on package prices already approved by Govt. under this scheme. The period from the date of reporting to the hospital to 15 days after the date of discharge from the hospital will be treated as part of the package.

District Information and Public Relations Officer/Insurer will play the role of coordinator at District level for the scheme.

In the case of accident the insured shall be required to furnish the following for or in support of a claim-

- (a) Duly completed claim form
- (b) Doctors Report
- (c) Police report whenever necessary
- (d) Death certificate, wherever necessary
- (e) Medical bills, wherever applicable the insured shall give immediate notice in writing to the insurance company.

By order of Governor

  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary,  
Inf. & Public Relations Deptt.

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Director

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Director 

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