

Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Central TB Division)

Nutritional Support to TB patients (Nikshay Poshan Yojana)

1. Scheme details / components:

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has announced the scheme for incentives for nutritional support to TB patients. This scheme will be called “**Nikshay Poshan Yojana**”.

2. Beneficiary:

All notified TB patients are beneficiaries of the scheme.

3. Eligibility:

All TB patients notified on or after 1st April 2018 including all existing TB patients under treatment are eligible to receive incentives. The patient must be registered\notified on the NIKSHAY portal.

4. Benefit:

Financial incentive of Rs.500/- per month for each notified TB patient for duration for which the patient is on anti-TB treatment. For existing patients on treatment on 01/04/2018, incentives shall be provided for the period of treatment remaining after 01/04/2018. Provided that for existing patients on 01/04/18, only such patients for whom the remaining period of treatment after 01/04/18 is more than or equal to one month, shall be eligible for incentive. Also, existing patients on 01/04/18 shall be entitled to receive incentives only for full months of remaining period of treatment (partial months shall be dropped).

The scheme is registered under Direct Benefit Transfer. The incentives can be distributed in Cash (only via DBT preferably through Aadhaar enabled bank accounts) or in-kind. The States that are already distributing incentives in-kind may continue to do so subject to the condition that the total value of the food basket being distributed must not be less than Rs. 500 per month. Such states where such ‘in-kind’ support is provided by the state; concurrence should be taken from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

5. Start date: 1st April 2018

5. Funding:

The scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme under National Health Mission (NHM). Financial norms of NHM in terms of cost sharing, are applicable to the scheme.

6. Area of implementation:

This scheme is implemented across all States and UTs in India.

7. Schedule of payment:

- Each TB patient whether public or private sector notified must be notified on the Nikshay, platform.
- For ease of transaction, following arrangement will be followed –

Type of patient	New	Previously treated	Drug resistant TB
Usual duration of treatment	6 months	8 months	24 months (9-12 months for shorter regimens)
First incentive	On notification	On notification	On notification
Second incentive	@ 2 months on End of IP follow-up result	@ 3 months on End of IP follow-up	@ 2 months of follow-up result
Third incentive	@ 6 months on End of treatment follow-up result	@ 5 months of treatment	@ 4 months on follow-up result
Fourth incentive	---	@ 8 months on End of treatment follow-up result	@ 6 months on follow-up result
Subsequent incentive	---	---	@ every two months till end of treatment
Exception handling	For each extension of treatment Rs.1000/- for two months or if extension is only for one month then @ Rs.500/- pm	For each extension of treatment Rs.1000/- for two months or if extension is only for one month then @ Rs.500/- pm	For each extension of treatment Rs.1000/- for two months or if extension is only for one month then @ Rs.500/- pm

Note:

- The payment schedule for patients already notified on Nikshay as on 01/04/2018 will also be the same. However, payment to such patient shall be for the remaining period of treatment.

- (ii) For paediatric TB patients where Bank accounts are not available, the money shall be deposited in parents / guardians accounts whose details are to be sought and entered in Nikshay against the patient's records.
- (iii) For patients not having Bank account or Aadhaar number, health staff will facilitate opening of Bank a/c for the patient preferably under Jan Dhan Yojna and will also facilitate his/her Aadhaar enrolment.

8. Timelines / Periodicity:

Beneficiary list creation and incentive payments will be done as per following schedule –

Entry of each TB patient with Bank a/c and Aadhaar in Nikshay and its follow-up details	Realtime (same day)
Preparation of beneficiary list (maker)	1 st of every month
Checking of beneficiary details (checker)	3 rd of every month
Approval of beneficiary list with details (approver)	5 th of every month
Processing of payments	7 th of every month