

SAA-K Working Committee Meeting Minutes 2024-02-24, Saturday

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Attendees:

- Gopal
- Akshay
- Thejaswini
- Nisha
- Karibasappa
- Asha Kilaru
- Venkitesh
- Muni Venkitappa
- Elizabeth
- Nandini
- Punith
- Nazir

Updates

- Gopal: Spoke with Siddappa and others
 - Planning March third week tentatively right to health workshop
 - Belgaum
 - Inviting Belgaum politicians
 - Charter of demands to be presented
 - Press release, press conference if possible
 - A few personal issues (phone, sickness, etc) is the reason why planning afterwards
- Akshay: Had discussed with a few people, they're doing the surveys in some districts. Mahesh, for example.
- Muni Venkitappa: Some people don't have or haven't used the card. Shouldn't we exclude them in the
- Nandini. I have 3 case studies to be documented
 - 3 1/2 month baby with heart defect. BPL card and Ayushman card they've used. But they didn't get the bill and they've been paying whatever they were asked to pay
 - Kidney stone. They had to first get referral from Sanjay Gandhi for Ayushman bharath to be applicable. KIMS still asked for 15k and they had to pay for bed, scans, etc. They said 10k has come from Ayushman, but still paid over and above that. 4 days stay.
 - Victoria hospital patient with brain tumour went. They didn't initially have AB card. Scanning, MRI, etc were done. For surgery they didn't get any benefit. They were sent to NIMHANS and no idea why

- 3 months of not using BPL card for ration leads to cancellation of ration card. This is very hard to reverse. Leads to cancellation of healthcare benefits too!
- Muni - Question on where subcenters are answered by showing Anganawadis.
- Prasanna
 - It is exactly the kind of stories Nandini said that need to be documented and expected
 - BPL is mainly for testing
 - Jayadeva is autonomous, not fully government
 - Shouldn't government care be free by default. Why need BPL card?
 - If we get studies by 25th we can compile look for common themes and proceed
- Gopal: Subcenters ought to be there! Why are bills not being given? Corruption.
- Asha: Is testing free if referred outside for test
- Gopal: We already have a few case studies. It is a good stimulus. We should take this to the public domain through letters, etc.
- Venkitesh: Case studies
 - 1 month admission
 - Ayushman Bharath required Karnataka address, other state migrants are not able to access care
 - As Gopal said, whatever their issue are they take as much money as possible and finally refer them away
- Teja: Even if they have facilities they send outside for lab.
 - Lots of running around is required even to get the benefits.
 - For a caesarean lot of money is being taken
 - MRI scan is sent outside
 - "If you have urgency, you go elsewhere" is the standard response.
 - Patient is kept nil per oral for long
 - No response unless someone is strongly advocating for patient
 - For surgery insertion of rods, rods are not there
 - People are sent to Sagar Apollo from IGICH
- Nandini: BPL is not free until SC/ST card is also there
 - The rates are half in some institution
 - What are they doing with the budget allocated to them?
 - Can we get workshop from CBPS?
 - Should inform people and raise awareness about Ayushman
- Gopal
 - Please document well and write letters to CM
 - What is the criteria of deciding charges? How's it that despite BPL they've to pay 10k?
 - Who decided? Why is there no bill? We should write letter to CM, HM, media.
 - All hospitals should show rates as per KPMEA - government hospitals should also show this
- Teja
 - They've put on board. But BPL + income + caste certificates required.
 - 12 k paid and can get reimbursement from ESI

- but no reimbursement from government
 - Only in victoria they have snake bite treatment.
 - Will put RTI
- Prasanna
 - Let's document and then write letters
 - All at once should write letter
 - Or calling up some helpline
 - Even if we take one week extra, we can compile and prepare report
 - **ACTION ITEM:** WC to call everyone and fasten up the surveys
- Asha: Can help with case studies along with someone else who can type (fracture)
 - We need to do press conference
 - **ACTION ITEM** We need to do case studies on Autonomous institutions and report on them
 - I personally went to govt aided hospital, they gave bill, etc. Then a BPL holder went there and everything was free
- Akshay: Please use me as resource
 - Need to know how the studies should be documented (individual stories or aggregated?)
- Elizabeth: Two case studies
 - 15-20 days adminsiion, 7 lakhs
 - Sending out for tests
- Teja: Please help, with RTI
- Prasanna: Write in Kannada and we can translate
 - There's "brama" in hospitals
- Nandini: We have to compile and present
 - **ACTION ITEM** I'll talk to CBPS and fix date for workshop
 - Request to Gopal: Please help simplify document
 - Need 10 point election advocacy
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