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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Prime Minister's Office, South Block
New Delhi 110001

Respected Sir,

Subject: Ayushman Bharat – Need to include dental treatment

The Indian Dental Association would like to congratulate you, Sir, on the Government's announcement of two major initiatives in the health sector this year under Ayushman Bharat. It was aimed at addressing healthcare holistically, in primary, secondary and tertiary care systems covering both prevention and health promotion.

Ayushman Bharat, the National Health Protection Scheme, benefiting approximately 500 million beneficiaries providing coverage upto 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization is a noble initiative on the part of the government. This will perhaps be the world's largest government funded healthcare programme.

While we believe Ayushman Bharat Programme will build a New India 2022 and ensure enhanced productivity, well being and avert wage loss and impoverishment, it would have been really holistic if dental treatment is also included under the programme.

We would therefore appeal to you to kindly consider inclusion of dental ailments and their treatment under the Scheme.

We look forward to your kind response.

Yours respectfully,



Dr. Ashok Dhoble
Hon. Secretary General

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