

Workshop on Universal Health Coverage – *From Recommendations to Operationalization*

The 12th five-year plan has placed great emphasis on providing accessible, affordable and quality healthcare for all. Based on the recommendations of the High Level Expert Group on Universal Healthcare Coverage (UHC), the Planning Commission has envisioned a “transformation of India’s health systems to become an effective platform for UHC”.

As part of this transformation, States have been mandated to conduct district level pilot projects to identify strengths and weaknesses, plug gaps in services and coverage, and examine the viability of undertaking a UHC programme.

We therefore feel that this is an opportune time to convene a workshop on Universal Health Coverage, focusing on the steps to be taken to go from recommendations to operationalization. The event will provide a platform for:

- a. The States involved in the pilot process to share challenges and opportunities they’ve encountered in their experience with UHC.
- b. Providing a holistic perspective of the various approaches to operationalising UHC to State governments.
- c. Promoting a culture of collaboration and partnerships between the various stakeholders involved in the pilot process, to share best practices and learn from each other’s experiences.

The event is scheduled for the 4th March, 2014 (9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.) and will be held at the PHD Chamber of Commerce, 4/2 Sirifort Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi – 110016.

We firmly believe that the workshop will go a long way in advancing the national dialogue on UHC, especially on the intricacies involved in piloting such schemes, and look forward to the outcomes with anticipation.