

Guidelines for Extension of RSBY to Street Vendors

Definition of Street Vendor

“Street Vendor” has been defined a person who offers goods or services for sale to the public in a street without having a permanent build-up structure’.

There are three basic categories of street vendors: (a) stationary (b) peripatetic and (c) mobile

Criteria for Identification of Street Vendor

The street vendors are issued licenses by the Municipal Corporation or local bodies. The Town Vending Committees (TVC) would register the vendors. Upon registration, the concerned municipal authority would issue an Identity Card with Vendors Code Number, Vendor Name, Category of Vendors etc., in writing to the street vendors through the TVC.

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Benefits under the scheme include:

- i. Smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000 per annum for a family of five on family floater basis.
- ii. All pre-existing diseases to be covered.
- iii. Hospitalization expenses, taking care of most of the illnesses, including maternity benefits.
- iv. Transportation cost of Rs. 100/- per visit with an overall limit of Rs. 1,000/- per annum.

Financial Implications

Under the scheme, contribution of Government of India is 75% of the estimated annual premium of Rs. 750, subject to a maximum of Rs. 565 per family per annum. Additionally, the cost of smart card, estimated at Rs. 60, is borne by the Central

Government. Remaining 25% is borne by the State Government. In case of States in the North Eastern Region and Jammu & Kashmir, the Central Government share is 90%. Rs. 30 is being paid by the beneficiary as registration/renewal fee per annum.

Implementation Mechanism

- The State Government to take policy decision to implement the scheme and commit State share of premium under RSBY.
- Identify agencies/organizations for the purpose of registering Street Vendors workers and prepare soft version of the data of Street Vendors in the format under RSBY as per the guidelines prescribed there under (data preparation guidelines at (www.rsby.gov.in) .
- This data, along with the commitment to contribute its share of premium, shall be forwarded to the State Nodal Agency (SNA) implementing RSBY in the State. (Where RSBY is yet to be implemented, the State Government will either nominate an existing independent legal entity or create one for the purpose).
- The procedure to be followed by the SNA for selection of insurance company and the process thereafter would be same as for the ongoing RSBY and the policy period co-terminus with it. (Process Flow document for (Interested Agencies (IA) at www.rsby.gov.in refers)
- The SNA will furnish the proposal for Street Vendors to the Approval and Monitoring Committee of the Central Government for consideration.