

Memorandum of Understanding between CGHS and Quality Council of India

For CGHS empanelment, AYUSH (Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Unani, Yoga & Naturopathy, Siddha) Hospitals will have to be undergo assessment by QCI

New Delhi; 20th January 2012: Central Government Health Services (CGHS) and Quality Council of India today signed a MoU for CGHS empanelment of AYUSH Hospitals. The MoU was signed by Director CGHS, **Dr (Mrs) S. Brinda** and Secretary General of Quality Council of India, **Dr Girdhar J Gyani** , at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

The main purpose of the MoU is to put in place a mechanism for third party evaluation of AYUSH Hospitals and carry out assessment of AYUSH Hospitals for CGHS empanelment. As per the provision of the MoU, Quality Council of India (NABH) will develop the criterion for AYUSH Hospitals, on the basis of which they would be evaluated and assessed by QCI. QCI will submit its report within 30days from the receipt of the application to CGHS. Any AYUSH Hospital spread all across the country will be empanelled by CGHS subject to evaluation & recommendation of Quality Council of India. At present there are 2400 Ayurveda hospitals and 1500 hospitals of Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy in India under AYUSH category.

It is necessary to mention here that in 2006-07 also Government of India chose NABH accreditation as pre condition for empanelment of Hospitals, under CGHS scheme, providing a big boost to quality in healthcare.

Quality in healthcare is of paramount importance as it directly impacts human lives. Especially in India since healthcare sector has to cater to both domestic and international population ensuring quality in healthcare services becomes a mandate and receiving an accreditation is the only answer to it. It is the single most effective approach for improving the current standards of the hospitals. Quality Council of India has been working closely with the Government to develop effective and efficient framework for promoting quality in healthcare for national wellbeing.

Quality Council of India (QCI)

Quality Council of India was set up in 1997 jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry represented by the three premier industry associations i.e. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), to establish and operate national accreditation structure and promote quality through National Quality Campaign. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is the nodal ministry for QCI. www.qcin.org

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