

**A
Bill**

*to provide for health protection to the eligible beneficiaries
of the Sehat Insaf Card Programme in the Province
of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for health protection to the eligible beneficiaries of the Sehat Insaf Card Programme in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title, extent and commencement.--- (1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sehat Insaf Act, 2018.

(2) It extends to the whole of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.--- In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.-

(a) "beneficiaries" mean the eligible member of the household enrolled under the Programme;

(b) "BISP Criteria" means the criteria which has been devised by the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), which is a body corporate, established under the Benazir Income Support Programme Act, 2010 (Act No. XVIII of 2010), for identification of poorest population and their enrolment in their various social protection programmes, through targeting survey to avail BISP benefits;

(c) "empanelled hospital" means and includes a hospital, clinic, Day Care Centre, nursing or maternity home or such other medical service providers selected for provision of healthcare services under the Programme, in public and private sectors;

(d) "Government" means the Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province;

(e) "Department" means Health Department of Government;

(f) "health card" means the health card issued to the beneficiaries, which shall entitle them for availing benefits of the Programme;

(g) "health protection" means a set of activities for improving health status of the population;

(h) "household" means individuals, who comprises a family unit and who live together under the same roof, sharing the same kitchen and who are under the control of one domestic head;

(i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;

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(j) "Programme" means the Sehat Insaf Card Programme as provided in section 3; and

(k) "rules" means rules made under this Act.

3. Social Health Protection Programme.--- (1) Government shall provide health protection to the beneficiary households under a Programme to be known as the Sehat Insaf Card Programme by means of health insurance.

(2) The beneficiary of the Programme shall be selected on the basis of BISP criteria.

(3) Each beneficiary shall be issued a Health Card by Department, which shall be the proof of eligibility of that beneficiary for the purpose of the Programme.

(4) Healthcare services to the beneficiaries shall be provided through empanelled public and private hospitals selected on an assessment criterion developed by the Department in the prescribed manner.

(5) Government shall notify list of diseases to be treated under the Programme.

(6) Government shall provide regular budget to the Department for running the Programme under this Act.

4. Annual report.--- Department shall submit a performance report of its activities under the Programme to Government, annually.

5. Savings.--- The health card, issued before the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been validly issued under this Act and shall continue in the same manner, as if issued under this Act.

6. Power to make rules.--- Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

To provide for health protection to the eligible beneficiaries of the Sehat Insaf Card Programme in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Hence, this Bill.

Peshawar,
dated the ___/___/2018


MINISTER-IN-CHARGE.