**Empanelment Criteria**

A hospital shall be qualified and tied up as a networked hospital with the approval of Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee only if it complies with the minimum criteria as under:

The hospital should apply online and will undergo inspection

(a) The health care facility should have at least 30 inpatient beds. Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee may give exemption for single-speciality hospitals and in remote areas or on specific requirements.

(b) It should be equipped and engaged in providing medical and surgical facilities along with diagnostic facilities i.e., Pathological tests, X-ray and other investigations like Electro Cardiograph etc., for the care and treatment of injured or sick persons as in-patients; provided that hospitals may get diagnostic tests done through established diagnostic centers outside the hospital on mutual agreement.

(c) It should have a fully equipped operation theatre of its own wherever surgical operations are carried out and it should be microbiologically safe to operate.

(d) It should have sufficient number of qualified doctor(s), nurses and other human resources to be physically in charge round the clock; (necessary certificates to be produced during empanelment).

(e) It should maintain complete records as required on day-to-day basis and be able to provide necessary records of the insured patient to the successful bidder, Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project or their representatives as and when required.

(f) The quality of labs to be ensured in empanelled hospitals by including under EQAS/IQAS and calibration at prescribed intervals.

(g) Bio Medical Waste management approval/renewal to be done at the prescribed intervals with Pollution Control Board or authorized agencies.

(h) The hospitals need NABH entry level accreditation/ equivalent GOI quality norms for empanelment. The hospitals in the process of doing accreditation / GOI quality norms are also eligible for empanelment. The hospitals without minimum entry-level NABH accreditation / equivalent GOI quality norms, if empanelled they should acquire the same within 12 months’ time. Otherwise, all the non-certified hospitals are de empanelled from the scheme through EDC.

(i) The regional mapping to be done for both specialty wise and doctor wise; village/block wise availability of doctors. The hospital in those places where the availability is lacking should be given preferences for the empanelment.

(j) Few quality parameters like death rate in the hospital, infection rate etc. may be considered as parameters for continuation in the scheme.

(k) There will be provision for expenditure and performance monitoring of Government institutions and it should be part of overall claims processing/scheme software.