

Proceedings of Government of Karnataka

Subject: Inclusion of procedure codes for Root canal treatment under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Chief Minister's Arogya Karnataka scheme (AB PMJAY-CM's ArK).

- Reference:** 1) Government Order No: HFW 69 CGE 2018, dated: 15/11/2018.
- 2) Single File received from Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), vide file No: HFWS-NOHPOOTHR/4/2026 (e-2063090)
- 3) Government Order No: HFW 390 CGE 2025, dated: 12/08/2025.

Preamble

Root Canal Treatment (RCT) is a dental procedure aimed at cleaning, shaping, and filling the root canal system to restore and maintain the health of the tooth and surrounding tissues. Root canal treatment is necessary when the pulp, the soft tissue inside the root canal becomes inflamed or infected. It involves removing infected or inflamed pulpal tissue, disinfecting the root canal system, and sealing the canals to prevent further infection. If a root canal treatment is not performed, the infection of the dental pulp can spread deeper into the root and surrounding jawbone, leading to complications such as a dental abscess and eventual loss of the tooth. By preserving the natural tooth, RCT helps maintain proper chewing (masticatory) function and reduces the need for more expensive replacement procedures such as dental implants or bridges.

In the Government Order read at reference(1)above, administrative approval has been accorded for implementation of the AB PMJAY-CM's ArK Scheme with the objective of providing Universal Health coverage to eligible beneficiaries in the State.

Presently, under AB PMJAY CM's ArK Scheme, there are 12 procedure codes under Dental and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery specialty. However, Root Canal Treatment procedures are not included in the existing package master.

Studies indicate that a significant proportion of patients opt for tooth extraction instead of RCT due to high treatment cost and lack of awareness. Inclusion of RCT under the scheme will promote tooth preservation, improve oral health outcomes and reduce avoidable extractions among beneficiaries.

In the SAST file read at reference(2) of above, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust has submitted a proposal for inclusion of Root Canal Treatment procedures under the AB PMJAY CM's ArK scheme. The proposed package rates have been analysed based on different rates such as CGHS rates and prevailing rates in Government and private facilities. Comparison of these rates suggests that CGHS Tier-3 rates (non-NABH) have been found appropriate for adoption. The rates for anterior RCT is Rs. 1360/-and rates for posterior RCT is Rs. 2040/-.

In the Government order read at reference(3)above as delegated powers to the Health Department for inclusion of new procedures under AB ArK Scheme, subject to the certain conditions, which permits for approval of such new procedures subject to 5% of the total annual budget.

The Government has examined the proposal and hereby issues the following order:-

Government Order No: HFW 124 CGE 2026,
Bengaluru, Dated: 08.04.2026

In view of the factors explained in the preamble, Government hereby approves the inclusion of the procedure codes for Root Canal Treatment under AB PMJAY–CM’s ArK scheme for PHH and NPHH beneficiaries as per the guidelines of AB PMJAY–CM’s ArK scheme with a ceiling of 50,000 cases or an amount of Rs.5.00 crore whichever is less:

a. The following procedures shall be included under Dental and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery specialty of the AB PMJAY CM’s ArK package master:

- i. Root Canal Treatment – Anterior Tooth
- ii. Root Canal Treatment – Posterior Tooth

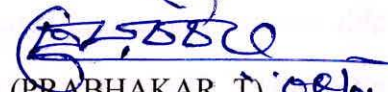
These procedures shall be categorized as Complex Secondary Procedures (2B) in the AB PMJAY CM’s ArK scheme.

b. Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) to adopt the CGHS Tier-3 rates (non NABH) for package rates for the Root Canal Treatment. The package cost shall be inclusive of all consumables and procedure related costs.

c. The AB PMJAY CM’s ArK scheme guidelines shall be applicable for Root Canal Treatment procedures.

This order is issued under the powers delegated in the Government order No: HFW 390 CGE 2025, dated: 12/08/2025.

By order and in the name of
Governor of Karnataka


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Under Secretary to the Government,
Health & Family Welfare Department,
(Health 1 & 2)


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To,

1. The Principal Accountant General of Karnataka (G&SSA), (E&RSA), (A&E) Audit Bhawan, Bangalore-560001.

2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Medical Education, M S Building, Bengalure,
3. The Commissioner, Health and Family welfare Department, Arogya soudha, Bengalure.
4. The Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Arogya soudha, Bengalure.
5. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Arogya soudha, Bengalure.
6. The Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, Arogya soudha, Bengalure.
7. The Concerned Officers (Through ED, SAST).

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