National Health Accounts 2023-24: government health spending triples, out-of-pocket share falls to 42.7%

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16 November 2026: The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the **National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2023-24** on 15 November. The headline: Government Health Expenditure (GHE) has **more than tripled in a decade** - from Rs 1,29,778 crore in 2013-14 to **Rs 4,14,196 crore in 2023-24** - while the out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) share of total health spending has fallen from **64.2% to 42.7%**, a drop of 21.5 percentage points.

NHA 2023-24: key figures (verified against PIB)

- **GHE:** Rs 1.30 lakh crore (2013-14) to Rs 4.14 lakh crore (2023-24); the government's share of Total Health Expenditure (THE) rose by **14.9 percentage points**.
- **OOPE:** 64.2% to 42.7% - down from 43.4% in 2022-23 as well, so the decline is continuing.
- **Per capita GHE:** Rs 1,042 to **Rs 2,959** (about 2.8 times).
- **Social security expenditure:** 6% to **11%** of THE (includes AB PM-JAY, state insurance schemes, social health insurance and government employees' medical spend).
- **Private health insurance:** 3.4% to **10.2%** - deeper insurance penetration.

- **Primary healthcare:** government spend reached **Rs 1.53 lakh crore**, anchored by Ayushman Arogya Mandirs.

About the report

- **Prepared by:** the National Health Accounts Technical Secretariat (NHATS) at the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare - this is the **eleventh round**.
- **Methodology:** the internationally recognised **System of Health Accounts (SHA) 2011** framework; the full report is at nhsrcindia.org.
- **Supporting initiatives:** Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, Free Drugs and Diagnostics Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme, Jan Aushadhi, AMRIT pharmacies, and NPPA price regulation.

Quiz: Test your knowledge

▶ Q1: Consider the following about NHA 2023-24: 1. OOPE share fell from 64.2% to 42.7%
2. GHE reached Rs 4.14 lakh crore 3. Per capita GHE crossed Rs 5,000. Which are correct?
▶ Q2: NHA estimates are prepared under which framework?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

In short: NHA 2023-24: government health spending tripled to Rs 4.14 lakh crore; OOPE share fell to 42.7%; per capita GHE Rs 2,959; social security 11%; private insurance 10.2%.

Question: What is the headline finding of NHA 2023-24?

Government Health Expenditure tripled in a decade (Rs 1.30 to Rs 4.14 lakh crore) while the OOPE share fell from 64.2% to 42.7% - a 21.5 percentage point decline.

Question: Who prepares the NHA estimates?

The NHA Technical Secretariat (NHATS) at the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), under the Health Ministry, using the SHA 2011 framework - this is the 11th round.

Question: What does a falling OOPE share mean?

Households are paying less directly out of pocket for healthcare - stronger financial protection, aided by PM-JAY, free drugs and diagnostics, and Jan Aushadhi.

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