

Rajiv Arogyasri –An innovative health intervention of Andhra Pradesh

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Abstract

The poor suffer from higher levels of ill health, mortality and malnutrition than do the better-off;and their inadequate health is one of the factors keeping them poor or for their being poor in the first place.The health of the poor must thus be a matter of major concern for everyone committed to equitable development from policy makers to service providers.Health interventions can make an important contribution to improved health conditions among disadvantaged groups.

Andhra Pradesh, which has many firsts to its credit,has added yet another credit to its cap by introducing an innovative health scheme “Rajiv Arogyasri”.The main objective of this health scheme is,improving access of BPL families to quality medical treatment for diseases like heart ailments,cancer,kidney failure,neuro surgery and trauma cases,involving hospitalization and surgery through an identified network of health care providers .The present paper focuses on modus operandi of the Rajiv Arrogyashri scheme,strengths and weaknesses of the same.