

Services provided by the Department:

The Health and Family Welfare Department is committed to provide preventive, promotive and curative Health Services to the people of the State through a network of Medical institution such as sub-centers, subsidiary health centers (dispensaries/Clinics etc), primary health centers, community health centres, sub-Divisional and Distt. Hospital, Government Medical & Dental Colleges (attached hospital)

Primary Health Care

Primary health care Service in the rural areas of the State are provide through a network of Medical Institution comprising of sub-centres. (2951) i.e. each for approximately 5000 polutation. HCs/Rural Dispensaries/clinics (1186) i.e. each for approximately 10000 population, PHCs (427) i.e. each for approximately 30000 population and CHCs (150) i.e. each for approximately 100000 population. Under alternative Health care delivery system, 1186 subsidiary health centers (rural dispensaries have been tranferred to department of rural Development and Panchayats). Where rural medical officers i.e. service providers (doctors) have been appointed by the zila parishad. For the promotion of Indian systems of Medicine & Homoeopathic (AYUSH), 507 Ayurvedic/Unani dispensaries, 17 Ayurvedic Swasth Kendra's, 5 Ayurvedic Hospitals, one Govt. Ayurvedic college at Patiala and 111 dispensaries are functioning in the state.

The various National and State health Programmes which have been launched to provide Primary Health Care include a crusade against Maleria, Tuberculosis, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS. All the programs have been successfully implemented in the state.

Secondary Level health Care System

While the CHCs established in rural area serve as the first level of referral services, the Hospitals at sub divisional level and district Hospitals serve as secondary level of health care system and give support to the services being provided in the primary Health care system. Since CHCs in a way also provided, these can be considered as a part of the secondary level health care system.

Hospital Services at the secondary level play a vital and complementary role to the secondary level health care system and together form a comprehensive district based health care system. A health care system based on PHC cannot exist without a network of hospitals with responsibilities for supporting primary care and hospital care. Both are essential part of well-integrated health are system.

Tertiary Level Health Care System

Tertiary Level Health Care System services are provided in the state by the specialized hospitals and attached to State Medical Colleges. These instructions besides providing support to the Secondary Level Health Care System are expected to carry out research and manpower development for the health services of the state.