Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA Card)

The ABHA health card was launched in 2021 as part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to streamline health records in India through digitalization. It contains a unique 14-digit identification number that is linked to the Aadhaar number of the cardholder. With this digital ID, people have a consolidated, accessible, and secure way of storing their health records that can be shared with authorized healthcare providers. The key features of the ABHA Health card are as under

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1	Purpose	The ABHA card contains a 14 digit unique digital identification number to help access and retrieve health records seamlessly. The ABHA card provides a consolidated medical history view, aiding in accurate diagnoses by offering a comprehensive patient data review.
2	Coverage	The card does not provide any health coverage. Instead, it stores personal health information.
3	Eligibility	Any Indian citizen can apply for an ABHA card. NRI s are not eligible
4	Benefits	It enables centralized access to health data and easy sharing with healthcare professionals and providers.
5	Issuing authority	The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in India issues the ABHA card.
6	Income group	This card is available to people from any income group.

7	How to apply	Apply online through the ABHA app or website with Aadhaar verification. go to the official Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) website at https://abha.abdm.gov.in/abha/v3 or use the ABHA ABDM mobile app. **https://abha.abdm.gov.in/register**
8	Age Criteria	No age restrictions. You can create an ABHA health card regardless of age.
9	Usage of card	Anywhere in india
10	Access methods	• App: NDHM Health Records • Website: healthid.ndhm.gov.in
11	Required documents	Aadhaar card / Driving license Passport size photo
12	Functional mobile number	Required to receive OTP at the time of registration
13	Difference between ABHA cad and A yusman card	The Ayushman Card (under PM-JAY) provides free health insurance benefits for eligible individuals. The ABHA Card is a digital health ID that stores and manages your medical records online. Both serve different purposes but are part of India's digital healthcare ecosystem.
14	Other matters	The Ayushman card does not require renewal every year One can seek medical care from anywhere without geographical barriers using ABHA numbers Down loading card: visit official ABHA portal: https://abha.abdm.gov.in/abha/v3/login.

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