

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

I. <u>Reproductive and Child Health (RCH ID)</u>
What is RCH ID?
RCH stands for Reproductive and Child Health. All Married/Pregnant Women in the age group of 15 to 49 will be issued an unique identification number (RCH ID), which can be used for any number of pregnancies.
Who will give RCH ID?
Only the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse can give RCH ID.
How many days will it take to issue RCH ID?
It depends on the area and availability of Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse. Normally it will be issued within 1 month.
Can I go for delivery without getting RCH ID?
Now Government of Tamilnadu has made it compulsory to register all pregnancies and to give RCH ID for registration of births. Even if the mother does not have RCH ID at the time of delivery, she must register immediately at least after delivery and submit the RCH ID to the hospital concerned. So without RCH ID, one cannot get birth certificate.
I have already received RCH ID. Should I do Pre-Registration for the next pregnancy?
Yes. If the mother become pregnant again and not able to meet the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse immediately, she can pre-register her pregnancy using the existing RCH ID.
For getting RCH ID, whether Pregnant Mother should meet personally VHN/UHN in the Health Sub Centre /Primary Health Centre?
Yes. The pregnant mothers should meet Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse atleast once before getting RCH ID
Is RCH ID given to only Pregnant Mothers?
No. RCH ID can be given to any married woman even if she is not pregnant.
II. <u>Pre-Registration</u>
What is Pre-Registration? Why it is Required?
Government of Tamilnadu has mandated to register all pregnancies, which will be registered by Village Health Nurse or Urban Health Nurse. To make it more convenient for the pregnant mothers, Government has introduced the concept of Pre-Registration of pregnancies. This allows her to intimate her pregnancy through various ways.
How to do Pre-Registration?
Pre-registration can be done in 4 ways. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Online self-registration can be done by the mother herself by clicking on https://picme.tn.gov.in/picme_public and entering the required details. On completion of above process, an acknowledgement with Pre-registration ID gets generated.2. Through e-Seva Centres: The pregnant mother can approach the nearest e-Seva centre and pre-register her pregnancy free of cost.

<p>3. Through Call Centre (102): The pregnant mother can call toll free number “102” and pre-register.</p> <p>4. Through Government Hospitals: The pregnant mother can approach the nearest Government Hospital and pre-register.</p> <p>On completion of pre-registration, a SMS will be sent to the registered mobile number. The Pre-registration details will be forwarded to the concerned Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse and in turn they will contact the mother and register them. On completion of registration the mother will be given with RCH ID.</p>
<p>How to choose Administrative Unit while doing pre-registration?</p>
<p>Administrative Unit is nothing but name of the Block in which the pregnant mother resides</p>
<p>If Village/Street is not listed, then how to proceed Pre-Registration?</p>
<p>If the name of the village is not listed, then please select the nearby village/street</p>
<p>If OTP has not received, how to proceed Pre-Registration?</p>
<p>If OTP is not received during pre-registration, it may be due to mobile network/server issue. Please try again after some time.</p>
<p>Will I get any Acknowledgement once Pre-Registration is Completed?</p>
<p>Yes. SMS will be sent to the registered mobile with pre-registration ID. Mother can take a copy of acknowledgement from https://picme.tn.gov.in/picme_public by giving the pre-registration ID/mobile number.</p>
<p>How to check the Pre-Registration Application Status?</p>
<p>Mother can check whether her pregnancy was registered by Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse by using the link https://picme.tn.gov.in/picme_public and once it was registered, can view the RCH ID of the mother.</p>
<p>During Pre-Registration I have typed my name wrongly. How do I change it?</p>
<p>After Pre-registration, the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse will approach the pregnant mother for registration. At that time Village Health Nurse / urban Health Nurse should be informed about the mistake and should be registered with correct name.</p>
<p>I have not registered with PICME, Now I have moved to my mother’s place for delivery. Where should I register my Pregnancy?</p>
<p>All mothers should get registered with the Village Health Nurse or Urban Health Nurse in her usual place of residence only. Since you have moved already, you can very well pre-register and use pre-registration Id for getting birth certificate.</p>
<p>For getting RCH ID, whether Pregnant Mother should meet personally VHN/UHN in the Health Sub Centre /Primary Health Centre?</p>
<p>Yes. The pregnant mothers should meet Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse atleast once before getting RCH ID</p>
<p>Is Address Proof necessary for registering my Pregnancy in PICME?</p>
<p>Not Necessary.</p>
<p>Is Mother Aadhaar Compulsory for registering Pregnancy?</p>
<p>Aadhaar is not compulsory for pregnancy registration in PICME. But if the mother applies for maternity benefit scheme, submission of Aadhaar number is compulsory.</p>

Is Husband Aadhaar Compulsory for registering my Pregnancy?

Aadhaar number is not compulsory for pregnancy registration. However, if the pregnant mother is going for her first delivery and she is applying for maternity benefit scheme, then submission of aadhaar number of pregnant mother and her husband is compulsory.

I am a Resident of the neighbouring State / Country and will go for delivery directly to the hospital in Tamilnadu. I have no local Address in Tamilnadu, Where do I register for RCH ID?

Please register with the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse in whose area the hospital is located and get your RCH ID. You will be registered as Migrant from other State. Please take the assistance of the Hospital authorities.

I reside with My husband in Other State / Country. I came to my mother's place in Tamil Nadu. Is it necessary to get RCH ID. If so, where do I register for RCH ID?

Yes. All pregnancies should be registered. Please contact the local Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse for registration. If you are not able to locate the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse, please pre-register your pregnancy through online or through 102 call centre or through e-Seva centres or approach nearest Government hospitals for pre-registration. The Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse will issue the RCH ID.

Currently I am residing abroad. I have planned to have my delivery in Tamilnadu. Can I pre-register my pregnancy from abroad?

No. Pre-registration should be done only after reaching Tamilnadu.

I have moved to my mother's place permanently 2-years before. But VHN Informed me to register at my husband's place. Is it necessary to register my pregnancy in husband's place even though I reside in some other place permanently?

Anyone who resides for more than 6 months in one place and going to continue her stay in that area will be treated as Resident. In your case, you are a resident in your mother's place and you should be registered by the Village Health Nurse / Urban Health Nurse belongs to your current place of residence.

I am doing all my check-ups in Private Hospital and I am going to deliver in Private Hospital only. Is it necessary to register my pregnancy in PICME?

Yes. Wherever you go for AN Visit and wherever you deliver, it is necessary to register your pregnancy in PICME.

I am a Srilankan Refugee. Should I register my Pregnancy in PICME & get RCH ID?

Yes. All should register their pregnancy in PICME

I am a Member of Farmers Social Security Scheme. Should I register my Pregnancy in PICME & get RCH ID?

Yes. All should register their pregnancy in PICME

I have Lost the Pre-Registered application. Can I download the acknowledgement through mobile No.?

Please visit https://picme.tn.gov.in/picme_public. You can track your registration and find your Pre-Registration ID and RCH ID using your mobile number also.

Will I get any Amount for Pre-Registration?

If the mother registers herself within 12 weeks of pregnancy and if she has applied and was found eligible for maternity benefit scheme, she will get 1st instalment of Rs.2,000/-.

III. Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme**What are the Conditionalities for receiving Maternity Benefit Scheme?**

Instalment / Kind benefit	Conditionalities (as specified in the G.O Ms. 118, Health & FW dated: 2-4-2018)	Amount
1 st Instalment	Antenatal registration on or before 12 weeks	Rs.2,000/-
1 st Kind benefit	First Nutrition Kit on completion of third month (Kind benefit)	Rs.2,000/-
2 nd Instalment	After 4 months subject to the conditions specified in the G.O.	Rs.2,000/-
2 nd Kind benefit	Second Nutrition Kit on completion of fourth month (Kind benefit)	Rs.2,000/-
3 rd Instalment	After delivery in Government health facility	Rs.4,000/-
4 th Instalment	After completion of all 3 doses of OPV/Rota/Penta valent and 2 doses of IPV.	Rs. 4,000/-
5 th Instalment	After completion of Measles Rubella vaccination between 9 th and 12 th month of their infants.	Rs. 2,000/-
TOTAL		Rs.18,000/-

What are the eligible Address Proof documents to be given for availing Maternity Benefit Scheme?

Bank Pass book with photo, Voter ID, Ration Card, Passport, Driving License, MGNREGS Job Card, Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Card, any other photo ID issued by Government.