

Operationalising Unified Health Interface (UHI)

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In news– The National Health Authority (NHA) has released a consultation paper on ‘Operationalising Unified Health Interface (UHI) in India’ that outlines the market rules that will govern the UHI Network.

About the consultation paper-

- It focuses on the different elements of UHI and the market rules that will govern them.
- These include guidelines that will govern the way search & discovery will take place in a fair and transparent manner, payment & settlement processes, rules around cancellation & rescheduling, grievance redressal mechanism, and more.
- Each section has specific open questions where feedback from stakeholders is sought.

What is UHI?

- It is **a network of open protocols that enable the interoperability in health services.**
- UHI aims to enable interoperability in health services in India through open protocols.
- UHI is powered by protocols built by an open community of developers and deployed on a Gateway built by National Health Authority (NHA).
- UHI is **one of the foundational layers in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) Stack** that focuses on the discoverability and delivery of health services.
- While the current ABDM building blocks enable the interoperable exchange of personal health data and provide registries for doctors, patients and health facilities, UHI leverages these building blocks to

provide a seamless end-to-end experience for the users.

- Through UHI enabled applications, patients can discover, book, conduct and pay for services offered by a variety of participating providers from any application of their choice.