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**EXTRACT: Framework for Implementation  
National Health Mission (NHM) 2012-2017**

The NHM will essentially focus on strengthening primary health care across the country with emphasis on strengthening health facilities and services upto the district level in urban and rural areas. The Twelfth Plan document states that expenditures on primary health care should account for at least 70% of the health care expenditure. Tertiary care and regulatory functions should be a part of the other Central Sector and/or Centrally Sponsored scheme, namely, Human Resources & Medical Education. (Para 2.7)

**Rural Areas:**

1. The **District Health Mission (DHM)** would be headed by the head of the local self-government i.e. Chair Person Zila Parishad. Every district will have a District Health Society (DHS), which will be headed by the District Collector. Existing vertical societies for various national and state health programmes will be merged in the District Health Society (DHS). (Para 3.9)
2. The **district health action plans** will be prepared on the basis of a socio-epidemiological profile with a focus on the health needs of vulnerable groups (i.e. people living in difficult and remote hamlets, SC/ST and Primitive Tribal Groups). The action plan will clearly prioritize intra district areas which are more difficult to reach, or have lower baseline indicators and devise plans to improve access to services. (Para 5.1.9)
3. **Sub Centres** are the hub for delivering effective outreach services in rural areas. Therefore, an assured set of services need to be provided at the sub centre level. For facilitating access to the community and for the safety of the providers, new construction of sub-centres must be located in well populated and frequented parts of the village. (Para 5.4.1)
4. **ANMs** will provide preventive, promotive and curative health care services to households through routine outreach sessions. Support to ANM to reach isolated villages/ tribal hamlets may be provided out of the tribal development fund of the state: (Para 5.4.3)

*Note: Para numbers in brackets refer to paragraphs in the original document 'Framework for Implementation National Health Mission (NHM) 2012-2017.'*