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National Medical Commission enables remote review and digital authentication of medical records

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An important impact on speeding up access to specialist review

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has recently announced a move enabling Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) to remotely review and digitally authenticate electronic medical records. This step comes across as a significant step towards strengthening digital health and making quality healthcare more accessible across the country.

NATHEALTH, the Healthcare Federation of India, has consistently advocated for this change and had recommended it to the Government as part of its efforts to build an enabling environment for digital healthcare.

The NMC advisory covers laboratory, pathology and radiology reports, diagnostic interpretations, discharge summaries and other electronic clinical documents. It also keeps patient safety at the centre. The doctor must review the relevant clinical information and exercise independent professional judgement before authenticating a record and remains fully accountable for it.

Dr Sangita Reddy, President, NATHEALTH and Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals, said, "This is a progressive and much-needed step for healthcare in India. NATHEALTH has consistently advocated for remote authentication of medical records and had recommended it to the Government, and we are glad to see it recognised. When a patient's report no longer has to wait for a doctor to be physically present at the facility, care becomes faster and more accessible. It strengthens digital health in the country, while keeping clinical judgement, accountability and patient safety at the core."

India's healthcare system is increasingly digital, but the benefits of that shift will reach patients only if regulation keeps pace with technology. NATHEALTH believes the NMC's move is an important step in that direction.