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Narayana Hrudayalaya Surgical Hospital Private Limited: Rating reaffirmed; Provisional [ICRA]AA-(CE) assigned to enhanced amount

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs crore)	Rating Action
Fund-based – Working Capital	10.00	10.00	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable); Reaffirmed
Fund-based – Term Loan	50.00	50.00	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable); Reaffirmed
Short term – Non-fund based limits	16.00	16.00	[ICRA]A1+(CE); Reaffirmed
Long term – Unallocated limits	-	15.00	Provisional [ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable); Assigned
Total	76.00	91.00	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1

Rating Without Explicit Credit Enhancement [ICRA]BBB+

Note: The (CE) suffix mentioned alongside the rating symbol indicates that the rated instrument/facility is backed by some form of explicit credit enhancement. Earlier, the rating symbol for this instrument/facility used to be accompanied by the (SO) suffix. The change in suffix is not to be construed as a change in rating. This rating is specific to the rated instrument/facility, its terms and its structure and does not represent ICRA's opinion on the general credit quality of the entity concerned. The last row in the table above also captures ICRA's opinion on the rating without factoring in the explicit credit enhancement

Rationale

The rating reaffirmation on Rs. 76-crore bank limits is based on the strength of the corporate guarantee provided by Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited (NHL/the guarantor, rated [ICRA]AA-(Stable) and [ICRA]A1+), the parent of Narayana Hrudayalaya Surgical Hospital Private Limited (NHSPL), and an undertaking provided by the guarantor that it would ensure that the related debt obligations are serviced on or prior to the due date.

The rating assigned to Rs. 15-crore unallocated limit is provisional as of now (as denoted by the prefix 'Provisional' before the rating symbol) and is subject to the fulfilment and review of all pending actions/ documentation, pertaining to the facility rated by ICRA. The final rating may differ from the provisional rating in case the completed actions/ documentation is not in line with ICRA's expectations.

Adequacy of credit enhancement

The rating of Rs. 76 crore bank limits of NHSPL takes into account the corporate guarantee and undertaking provided by NHL to the borrowing programme of NHSPL. The guarantee is legally enforceable, unconditional, irrevocable and covers the entire amount and tenor of the rated instrument. Given these attributes, the guarantee provided by Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited is adequately strong to result in an enhancement in the rating of the said instrument to [ICRA]AA-(CE) against the rating of [ICRA]BBB+ without explicit credit enhancement. In case the rating of the guarantor was to undergo a change in future, the same would reflect in the rating of the aforesaid instrument as well.

Salient covenants of the rated facility

- » Any default committed by borrower shall be deemed to be an event of default by the guarantor NHL and vice-versa.
- » The Guarantor to maintain its current shareholding in borrower till the tenor of the facility and shareholding of promoters in NHL not to fall below 51%.

- » Borrower to undertake that all shortfalls in operating expenses/debt servicing would be met through equity/promoter contribution.
- » Financial covenants for FY2021 include a minimum Total Net Worth of Rs. 30 crore, maximum Debt/EBITDA of 2.5 times, minimum Debt Service Coverage Ratio of 1.5 times and minimum Fixed Asset Coverage Ratio of 1.2 times.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Corporate guarantee and undertaking provided by NHL towards the rated bank facilities of NNSHPL: The rating derives comfort from the irrevocable and unconditional corporate guarantee extended by NHL and undertaking provided by the guarantor that it would ensure that the related debt obligations are serviced on or prior to the due date. The rated instrument does not involve a structured payment mechanism.

Significant brand equity of Narayana Health brand: The group enjoys a strong market position in the healthcare services industry and has an established brand equity (especially in the cardiac segment) and ability to provide quality healthcare at affordable prices. Strong brand equity and goodwill among patients and healthcare professionals have helped NHL in partnering with governmental bodies, not-for-profit trusts and charities, and private organisations to operate and manage their healthcare facilities.

Consistent funding support from parent to meet all deficits– Owing to losses in the acquired Dharamshila unit, the company requires support from parent entity. There has been a track record of consistent support from parent in form of equity infusions. Since FY2017 till FY2020, the parent has infused around Rs. 113 crore of equity into the company.

Credit challenges

Losses in the Dharamshila unit; expected to be adversely impacted in FY2021 by Covid-19- This hospital was a cancer focussed unit run by a society prior to converting into a multi-speciality hospital. Due to the higher overheads associated with a multi-speciality hospital (due to introduction of new labs and departments and increase in doctor expense), the unit has remained loss-making and yet to achieve break-even. While performance is expected to improve going forward, Covid-19 will have adverse impact on near term operational and financial metrics of the company. ICRA's expects that the company's operations will attain near-normalcy towards second half of current fiscal.

Exposed to regulatory risks inherent in the sector- Going forward, regulatory risks pertaining to restrictive pricing regulations levied by the Central and state government organisations could constrain the profit margins of the company. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic may also cause further disruption in the company's operations and remains a key event risk. Continued growth in Covid-19 cases across the country and consequent steps taken by state governments to reserve bed capacity for Covid-19 patients and cap prices may act as a constraint in the near term.

Liquidity position

The liquidity position of the guarantor NHL is **Adequate** backed by moderate debt repayment obligations as well as sanctioned working capital lines which are largely undrawn. Despite cash losses in Q1 FY2021, the company has a healthy liquidity profile which along with various cash conservation measures adopted will keep the reliance on additional borrowings limited. Notwithstanding the lower accruals in the current year, the company has no large capital

expenditure plans and limited term debt repayments. As on June 2020, the group reported cash and bank balances of Rs 115.3 crore apart from mutual fund investments of Rs 39.2 crore.

Rating sensitivities

The above rating assigned to the Rs. 91 crore bank facilities would remain sensitive to any movement in the rating or outlook of the guarantor Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited.

Positive triggers: Any upward movement in the rating of the guarantor.

Negative triggers: Any downward movement in the rating of the guarantor.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable Rating Methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Rating Methodology for Hospitals Approach for rating debt instruments backed by third-party explicit support
Parent/Group Support	Parent/Group Company: Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited The assigned rating is based on an unconditional, irrevocable corporate guarantee extended by NHHPL's parent – Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited
Consolidation/Standalone	The ratings are based on the consolidated financial profile of NHL (Annexure- 2)

About the company

NHHPL was incorporated on in October 2010 as a private limited company and is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of NHL. The company operates a hospital in Mysore, Karnataka, and has partnered with Dharamshila Cancer Foundation & Research Centre to run a multispecialty hospital in Delhi under a management contract from Q1 FY2018 onwards.

Key financial indicators (NHHPL - audited)

	FY2019	FY2020
Operating Income (Rs. crore)	179.8	201.1
PAT (Rs. crore)	-34.6	-37.8
OPBDIT/OI (%)	-0.7%	4.1%
PAT/OI (%)	-19.2%	-0.2%
Total Outside Liabilities/Tangible Net Worth (times)	15.5	-38.6
Total Debt/OPBDIT (times)	-126.7	18.1
Interest Coverage (times)	-0.1	0.4

About the Guarantor

NHL operates a chain of multispecialty, tertiary and primary healthcare facilities. Dr. Devi Shetty, who has over 30 years of medical experience, began NHL in 2000. The Group, which initially focused on cardiac and renal sciences, expanded to additional areas of focus such as cancer care, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopaedics, and gastroenterology and was rebranded as 'Narayana Health' in 2013 to reflect the diversified presence. The Group owns and operates certain

hospitals apart from entering into management agreements with hospitals to acquire their operational control. NHL has a strong presence in the southern state of Karnataka and eastern India, with an emerging presence in western, central and northern India. NHL has a network of 47 healthcare facilities, including 20 hospitals (multi-speciality and super-speciality healthcare facilities which provide tertiary care), one managed hospital, six heart centres (super-speciality units which are set up in a third-party hospital) and 19 primary care facilities (including clinics and information centres) across a total of over 30 cities, towns and villages in India and one hospital in Cayman Islands with total 5,696 operational beds and the potential to reach a capacity of up to 6,184 beds.

Key financial indicators of Guarantor (Consolidated - audited)

	FY2019	FY2020
Operating Income (Rs. crore)	2860.9	3,127.8
PAT (Rs. crore)	61.6	122.6
OPBDIT/OI (%)	10.1%	13.5%
PAT/OI (%)	2.2%	3.9%
Total Outside Liabilities/Tangible Net Worth (times)	1.4	1.5
Total Debt/OPBDIT (times)	2.8	1.9
Total Adjusted Debt/OPBDIT (times)#	3.2	2.1
Interest Coverage (times)	4.0	5.0

Total Adjusted Debt includes liability for business acquisition of Rs 102 crore and Rs. 97 crore as on March 2019 and March 2020 respectively which has been treated as debt by ICRA

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2021)			Rating History for the Past 3 Years				
		Type	Amount Rated	Amount Outstanding	Rating	FY2020	FY2019		FY2018
					14-Sep-2020	27-Mar-2020	22-Feb-2019	06-Apr-2018	23-Nov-2017
1	Fund Based – working capital	Long Term	10.0	-	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)
2	Term Loan	Long Term	50.0	29.0	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)	[ICRA]AA-(SO) (Stable)
3	Non-fund based – working capital	Short Term	16.0	-	[ICRA]A1+(CE)	[ICRA]A1+(CE)	[ICRA]A1+(SO)	[ICRA]A1+(SO)	[ICRA]A1+(SO)
4	Unallocated limits	Long Term	15.0	-	Provisional [ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)	-	-	-	-

Amount in Rs. crore

Complexity level of the rated instrument

ICRA has classified various instruments based on their complexity as "Simple", "Complex" and "Highly Complex". The classification of instruments according to their complexity levels is available on the website www.icra.in

Annexure-1: Instrument details

ISIN No	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Working Capital	-	-	NA	10.00	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)
NA	Term Loan	Sept-2017	-	Oct-2027	50.00	[ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)
NA	Non-fund based – Working capital limits	-	-	NA	16.00	[ICRA]A1+ (CE)
NA	Unallocated limits	-	-	-	15.00	Provisional [ICRA]AA-(CE) (Stable)

Source: NHSPL

Annexure-2: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	Ownership	Consolidation Approach
Narayana Hrudayalaya Surgical Hospital Pvt Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Meridian Medical Research and Hospital Ltd	99.12%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Health Institutions Pvt Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Hospitals Pvt Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Institute for Advanced Research Pvt Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Vaishno Devi Speciality Hospitals Pvt Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospitals Malaysia Sdn Bhd	100%!	Full Consolidation
Narayana Cayman Holdings Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Health City Cayman Islands Ltd (HCCI)	100%*	Full Consolidation
NH Health Bangladesh Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Narayana Holdings Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Trimedx India Pvt Ltd	10.00%	Equity Method
Cura Technologies Inc.	43.33%	Equity Method
ISO Healthcare	20.02%	Equity Method

! Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospitals Malaysia Sdn Bhd - Commenced Members' Voluntary winding up in 2017 as per the extant provisions of the Malaysian Company Law. The company stands dissolved on 27th March 2018

* HCCI was previously 28.6% Associate; the company w.e.f. January 2018 has become a wholly owned subsidiary

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