



PRESS RELEASE

BERMUDA HEALTH COUNCIL RELEASES PAMPHLET ON EXISTING HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Pamphlet available at: www.bhec.bm

(Hamilton, Bermuda 12th September, 2010) – The Bermuda Health Council (BHeC) today announced that they are conducting an island-wide education campaign to inform the public of the need for health insurance and the employers' legal mandate to provide health insurance for all their employees.

The key messages are that

- health insurance is cheaper than paying for a health emergency and it is designed to protect you from financial hardship
- if you are employed, health insurance should be provided by your employer.

During the month of August, pamphlets were distributed to key stakeholder groups such as farmers, fisherman, and taxi-drivers. In September a pamphlet entitled "Why Health Insurance?" is being mailed to every household. The mail out supports the Bermuda Health Council's ongoing work, in cooperation with health insurers and the government, to ensure employers and the self-employed maintain health insurance coverage for Bermuda's workforce.

The pamphlet can be found on our web site at www.bhec.bm. Alternatively, you may call for copies on 292-6420 or pick one up at our offices at Sterling House 3rd floor on Wesley Street.

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About Bermuda Health Council

Established in January 2006, the Bermuda Health Council is tasked with overseeing Bermuda's healthcare system to ensure its sustainability. Staffed by a team of eight professionals with over 100 years of experience in administration, healthcare and finance, the Health Council draws upon the expertise and experience of its 15 Council members to regulate, coordinate and enhance the delivery of health services in Bermuda.

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