

“Achieving a quality, equitable and sustainable health system”

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Bermuda is Working Together To Slow Down Health Spending



The National Health Accounts Report 2015 shows how the country spends money on healthcare. In 2014, Bermuda spent almost \$12 million less on healthcare than in 2013. This includes a decrease in hospital spending and an increase in subsidies. Despite the overall decrease in costs, Bermuda still has high rates of disease and needs for acute care. It is therefore important for Bermuda to start, keep, and expand programs that make good care easy to find and improve health.

The Enhanced Care Pilot

Many people in Bermuda deal with chronic disease on a daily basis. For these people, it is important to have a primary doctor to help manage these diseases and answer hard questions. This help can prevent acute illness. Soon, the Health Insurance Department in collaboration with the Health Council will launch the Enhanced Care Pilot. The pilot seeks support from doctors to provide all-in-one services for an estimated 1,000 patients. It encourages doctors to create a “home” for patients to better manage chronic disease. The pilot program is planned to start later this year.



Register for Smarter Healthcare Business ... Sign Up Today!



Anyone can open a healthcare business and do any procedure without being a registered health professional. Most health businesses are doing an excellent job at delivering high quality affordable care in clean facilities using best practice standards. However, there are some who are not.

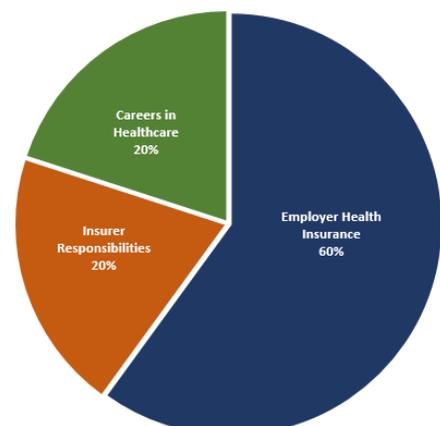
It is important to protect both providers and patients in Bermuda. One way to improve protection is by sharing better information with everyone about our healthcare services. To do so, the Health Council started to register health businesses on the 14th September. This is

currently fully voluntary. Through registration, the Health Council is asking questions such as where a practice is located and what services they are providing. By better understanding what is in the community and how well it is working, we can better plan for our health system and work together to improve care. The better care we have on island, the better health outcomes we can all expect. The voluntary registration period ends on the 30th October 2015. Registration forms are online at www.bhec.bm. We look forward to sharing the names of registered health businesses with you soon.

Complaints and Queries

In September 2015, the Health Council received 2 complaints and 3 queries. Both complaints were about employers not providing health insurance coverage for their employees.

Queries were about insurer responsibilities, employee health insurance and careers in the healthcare industry.



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