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NHI CARD REPLACEMENTS COMING SOON

New cards will show United Healthcare's logo and contact information

Road Town, Tortola, May 3, 2018– The National Health Insurance of the Virgin Islands (NHI) will soon replace NHI cards with new ones showing United Healthcare's logo and contact information, along with NHI's contact details.

The printing of the new cards are scheduled to begin by May 15.

In the meantime, beneficiaries should take note that the existing cards are still effective, and the local number affixed (284-541-8320) is still operational around the clock. Beneficiaries may also dial 284-541-9102 or 284-541-8481.

Deputy Director of the Social Security Board (with responsibility for NHI), Mr. Roy Barry said, "The replacements are being organized to reflect our existing partnership with United Healthcare. Some persons are still not aware that our relationship with JIPA ceased last year, although a press release was issued."

The NHI-United Healthcare partnership began in June 2017. Thus far, the partnership has resulted in cost savings to both beneficiaries and NHI.

United Healthcare is responsible for coordinating overseas healthcare access for beneficiaries on the US-mainland. United Healthcare's US network includes 595,000 physicians and other health care professionals, 80,000 dentists and 4,965 hospitals.

For more information, beneficiaries can contact the VI NHI office via telephone (284) 852-7860 or email info@vinhi.vg or aglasgow@vinhi.vg.

The National Health Insurance (NHI) of the Virgin Islands is designed to provide all legal residents of the Virgin Islands with affordable access to the health services they need.

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Notes to Editor(s): Photograph is attached.

BVI SSB Deputy Director with responsibility for NHI Mr. Roy Barry **(Photo credit: NHI/
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