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NHI DISTRIBUTES FIRST BATCH OF NEW CARDS

First batch of the new NHI cards printed and hand delivered to Conch Charters

Road Town, Tortola, August 2, 2018– The National Health Insurance of the Virgin Islands (NHI) has printed and distributed the first batch of new cards.

The new cards were hand delivered yesterday by Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director (NHI) Mrs. Karina Del Rosario, to Conch Charters' Director Mrs. Cynthia Chestnut at the home base in Road Reef, Tortola.

Regarding the special delivery, Mrs. Del Rosario said, "NHI is happy to have completed the first batch of new cards. Conch Charters was one of the first employers to act quickly and send us all the information we required, so we wanted to do something a little special and hand deliver their new cards."

The new NHI cards bear the name, logo, and contact information of our network provider, United Healthcare, along with NHI's contact details and an expiry date. The card's new expiry date feature means that it can be used as a form of identification at local business places.

Employer/employee groups have been asked to submit to NHI, an updated list of all employees, their dependants' names, along with the old cards; all required before the printing process begins. Beneficiaries are required to pay a \$20 fee for the old cards not returned to NHI.

Employers and HR Managers who have not yet been contacted are asked to fast-track the printing process by providing the updated employee lists, dependants' names, and old cards to NHI soonest.

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Also, provide current contact details (telephone and email address) and the name of an authorised person who will collect the new cards from our offices. Note that when collecting the new cards, the authorised person must have a valid identification (ID).

The updated employee listings and old cards can be dropped off to the NHI offices at the Joshua J. Smith Building (Social Security Building) in Road Town, Tortola. The employee lists can also be emailed to info@vinhi.vg.

A notice will be issued to advise other beneficiary groups (Voluntary, Self-Employed, Senior Citizens and Indigent) on the process for printing and obtaining their new NHI cards.

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.

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director (NHI), Karina Del Rosario presents new NHI card to Conch Charters' Director Mrs. Cynthia Chestnut. **(Photo credit: April Glasgow)**