

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

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DEAR VALUED CUSTOMERS,

The National Health Insurance of the Virgin Islands (NHI) would like to inform their beneficiaries, that effective August 1st, 2022, NHI will be implementing new protocols regarding routine cervical cancer screenings.

NHI continues to provide health coverage for essential medical services, based on standardized international guidelines. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) has restructured their recommendations regarding routine cervical cancer screenings. Accordingly, NHI will be amending their benefits package to institute the following guidelines:

- Routine Pap Smear Screening every 3 years
- HPV Testing every 5 years

Although NHI will be implementing the above guidelines, there will be considerations for individuals at risk of developing cervical cancer. This includes those diagnosed as having a high-grade precancerous cervical lesion and those with compromised immune systems. NHI have included the USPSTF recommendations for public information.

For more information concerning NHI Benefits, please call 852-7884 or visit our website at <u>www.vinhi.vg.</u>



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