



PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL FIJIANS

NATIONAL REGISTRATION THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT FREE MEDICINE PROGRAM

One of the FijiFirst Government's top priorities is to continue to provide quality healthcare with easy access to price controlled medicines, including for non-communicable diseases, free of charge to all Fijians who earn less than \$20,000 a year. Accordingly, the 2015 Budget allocated \$8.0 million for the Free Medicine Program ('Program').

As of 1 January 2015, all eligible Fijians will be able to access price controlled medicines prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner free of charge from any Government Hospital Pharmacy/ Dispensary and/or selected retail pharmacies.

Who is eligible

Individuals who can benefit from this Program are:

- Individuals with an annual income of less than \$20,000; and
- Individuals less than 18 years old whose combined parental income is less than \$20,000.

Who is not eligible

All Fijians who earn an annual income of more than \$20,000 are not eligible for this Program.

Registration Process

Fijians who intend to be part of this Free Medicine Program are to register for a Tax Identification Number ('TIN') which will be the primary form of screening income eligibility.

For this reason, from Wednesday 24 December 2014, a nationwide registration of TINs will be conducted at any Fiji Revenue and Customs Office or Government Health

Facilities including Divisional and Sub-Divisional Hospitals, Health Centres and Nursing Stations.

All eligible Fijians intending to register for this Program are to bring the following documentation to the offices mentioned above:

- Original or Certified Copy of Birth Certificate (Full Extract) including dependent children or persons;
- Evidence of annual salary less than \$20,000 (if no salary slip, then please fill in the Statutory Declaration that will be provided at the offices);
- Marriage Certificate if you are using or wish to use your married name;
- FNPF Member ID or any other form of valid photo identification such as the Electronic Voter Registration (EVR) card, Driving License or Passport; and
- In the absence of a photo ID, eligible Fijians may submit a passport size photo certified by a Justice of Peace, Provincial Administrator, Commissioner for Oaths, Advisory/Provincial Councilors, Mata ni Tikina and Civil Servants above Principal level.

There may be a national registration drive for this Program at a later date, should the need arise.

Who does not have to register

Individuals who already have a TIN number or Social Welfare number benefitting from the following initiatives:

- Poverty Benefit Scheme;
- Care and Protection Allowance; and
- Social Pension Scheme

are not required to register as they would already be included in the Program.

More Information

For further clarification, please contact the following personnel:

For FRCA offices:

- Ms Koni Ravono on Telephone Number: 3243601 or e-mail: kravono@frca.org.fj
- Ms Makereta Ledua on Telephone Number: 3243501 or e-mail: mledua@frca.org.fj;

For Ministry of Health facilities:

- Mr Apolosi Vosanibola on Telephone Numbers: 3388000 or 3388001 or 3388002 or email: avosanibola@govnet.gov.fj


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