

NHI Bahamas

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Renewing policy action on UHC and NHI in The Bahamas





UHC & NHI Bahamas

1982 – 1992

1992 - 2002

2002 – 2012

2012 - present

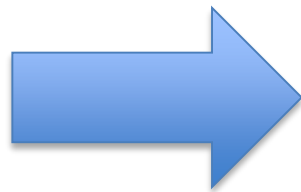
The 80's

- 1982
 - Speech from the Throne, the Government first announced its intention to begin a health care financing reform process
- 1984
 - Working Party - examined the feasibility of an NHI system
- 1987
 - The Working Party recommended the establishment of a NHI plan.

The 90's

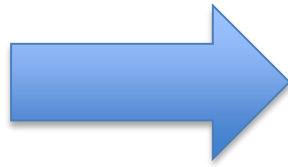
- 1990
 - Government engaged consultants to advise on organization, admin, and financial estimates
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 - Recommendations:
 - NHI plan amalgamated w/ National Insurance Plan (est. 1974)
 - One Board, shared admin structure, but separate functions
 - Outlined changes and improvements to the health care system which would have to be undertaken before a NHI system could be successfully introduced

1992



- 2001
 - Catastrophic Health Insurance Feasibility Study
 - Provided Government with options for implementation of catastrophic health insurance

2002

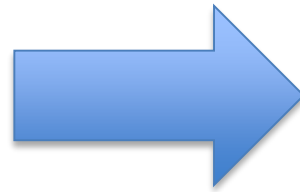


The (early) 2000's

- 2002
 - Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) appointed to look into the feasibility of a National Health Insurance Plan
 - Build on the work of Working Party on NHI (1984)
 - Utilized existing information, collected new data - surveys, interviews, special studies, and conducted review of NHI systems and other financing mechanisms globally
 - International and local experts assisted with planning, data collection, and analyses
 - Commission created a framework of recommendations for the implementation of NHI and identified areas that needed improvement in order for a NHI to work

The (early) 2000's

- 2004
 - BRC Final Report presented to the Cabinet
- 2005
 - NHI Implementation Project established.
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- 2007
 - Jan - NHI Act passed unanimously
 - (never brought into force)
 - May - General Election and change in administration

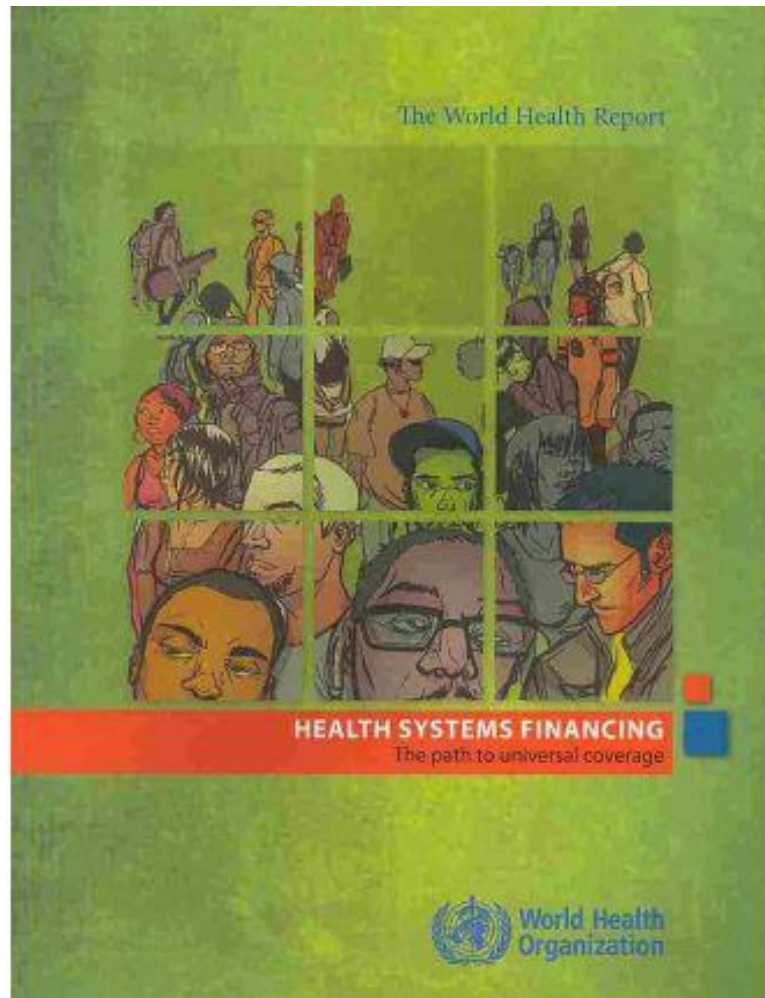




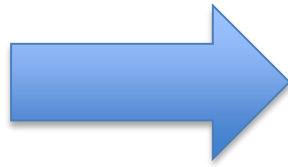
The (late) 2000's

- 2008
 - A Pharmaceutical Benefits Committee of the Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Plan established
 - To specify Rx drugs and medical supplies for treatment and management of the targeted chronic diseases
- 2009
 - National Insurance (Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Fund) Act established
 - Implementation Team formed to implement the National Prescription Drug Plan (NPDP)
- 2010
 - National Insurance (Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Fund) Regulations established
 - NPDP launched in September (6,500 beneficiaries, 28 private pharmacies, all public pharmacies)

2010



2012



The 2010's

- 2012
 - “New” Government vowed to implement NHI within first year
 - United Nations Resolution on UHC
- 2013
 - Est. Steering Committee for the Implementation of NHI in Ministry of Health
 - As member of Executive Council, Bahamas participates on the Technical Working Group at PAHO to establish the Strategy for Universal Access to Health and UHC
- 2014
 - Established NHI Secretariat - Design new plan for implementation of UHC and NHI in the Office of the Prime Minister
 - PAHO finalizes/adopts Strategy for Universal Health Coverage

Now and into the Future

- 2016
 - Jan - Registration through NIB
 - Establish the eligible population for NHI
 - August - Repeal of 2007 Act, **New NHI Act**
- 2017
 - Enrollment
 - Launch Primary Care

What is NHI Bahamas?

A “new” Government program that ensures all legal Bahamian residents – no matter income, age, island of residence or current health status – can receive health care free of cost at point of service. Cost for health care is paid for in full or in part, by Government.

Universal Health Coverage

- Pillars of UHC
 - Governance
 - Health Systems Strengthening
 - Social Determinants of Health
 - **Financing (NHI)**

Bahamas NHI Principles

- **Universal** coverage... all legal residents
- **Equity** in Access and Outcomes
- Benefit Package – **Comprehensive** package of essential health services and health enhancing activities
- **Affordable**
- **Plurality** - equal opportunity for public and private sector participation as purchasers and/or providers
- **Efficiency** in administration, operations and payment
- **Sustainable**
- Evidence-based to ensure **quality** in service provision

MORE THAN

200,000

BAHAMIANS

DO NOT HAVE

HEALTH

INSURANCE.

Why do we Need NHI Bahamas?

- Only 1/3 Bahamians have health insurance.
- Average Bahamian household paying \$2,300 per year for health care.
- Amongst those without health insurance, 32% have at some point needed medical treatment but did not seek help because they were worried about the cost.

We MUST improve access and affordability of quality health care for our people to ensure health care for all.

The Values of NHI Bahamas

Three overarching values at the heart of all planning and policy-making decisions regarding health care for Bahamians.

Modern.

Affordable.

Accessible.

Health System Strengthening

- HSS Goal is to ensure high quality of care
- Initiatives aim to reduce waiting times, improve customer services, and enhance quality care through:
 - Extended clinic hours
 - Updated infrastructure
 - Improvements in emergency services
 - Additional equipment
 - Improvements in supply chain management, better medical technology, and training for medical staff

The Roadmap

PHASE 1
January 2016

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PHASE 4

PHASE 5



Registration



Enrolment



Primary
Health Care
Coverage



Select
Catastrophic
Coverage

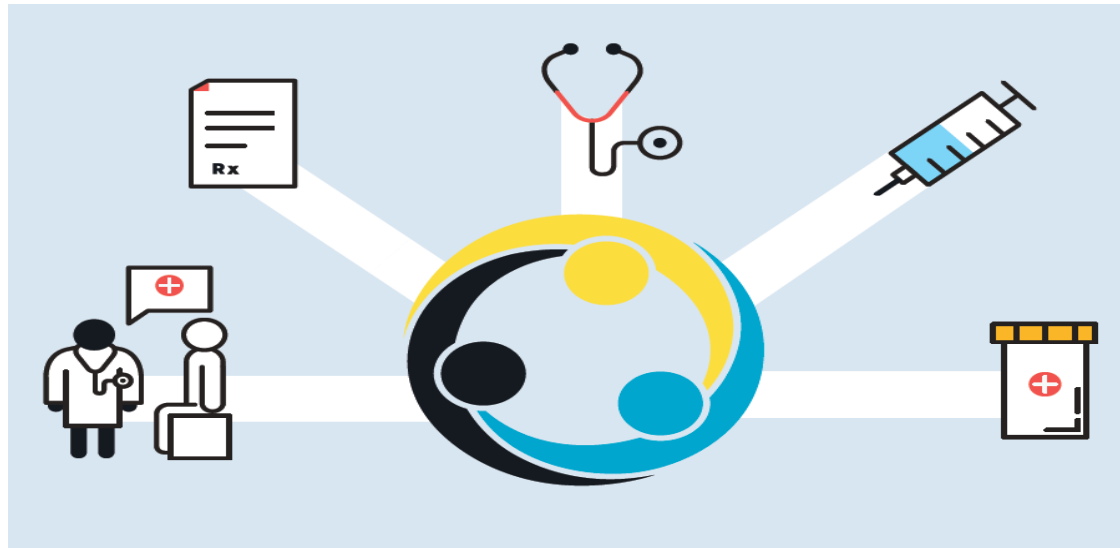


Full Benefits
Coverage

Health System Strengthening

What is Covered?

Primary care



GET YOUR

CARD

TO GET YOUR

CARE



*Once primary care phase begins

Thank you.

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