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PRESS RELEASE

MBS to stop accepting laminated cards

The Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) is advising the general public that effective Monday, 14th July, 2014, the old MBS laminated cards will no longer be honoured or accepted for accessing services and benefits. On that date, it will become mandatory for members filling out prescriptions at MBS pharmacies, requesting status letters, or making a Claim at the MBS Customer Service Department to produce the new MBS smart card in order to successfully complete the transaction. The MBS smart card is also required to access services at the Mount St. John's Medical Centre.

Nine (9) months ago, in September 2013, MBS began its member's re-registration program geared towards providing all its members with a new smart card containing a micro processing chip, and a photograph. To date, MBS has re-registered about twenty seven thousand members, but in recent months the request for re-registration has reduced substantially, signalling the population's readiness to adopt the new card.

Furthermore, MBS is also urging members who have not collected their new smart card to do so urgently. MBS currently has in its possession hundreds of unclaimed member's smart cards dating back to September 2013.