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National Community Health Financing Conference 2016

Silver Springs Hotel, Bugolobi, Kampala-Uganda

1st - 2nd Dec 2016

Theme: "Advancing Community Health Financing in Achieving Universal Health Coverage in Uganda"

Register online via: www.shu.org.ug

Registration deadline is 25th November 2016



Sub-themes:

1. **Status of Community Health Financing (CHF) in Uganda**
2. **Global and regional perspectives on the role of CHF in healthcare financing**
3. **The proposed National Health Insurance Scheme and role of CHF**
4. **Indigents and informal sector participation in universal health insurance coverage**

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Save for Health Uganda (SHU), in collaboration with Uganda Community Based Health Financing Association, is organizing a two-day national conference on Community Health Financing (CHF).

The conference will be held on 1st and 2nd December 2016 at Silver springs Hotel, Bugolobi, Kampala under the theme: Advancing Community Health Financing in achieving Universal Health Coverage in Uganda.

The objectives of the conference are:

(1) To raise awareness about CHF initiatives in Uganda and achievements so far;

(2) To present regional and global evidence of the role of CHF in achieving Universal Health Insurance and Universal Health Coverage;

(3) To present the current and examine the envisaged role of CHF initiatives for NHIS in Uganda;

(4) To derive ways in which the informal sector and indigents in Uganda can be central in universal health insurance coverage (UHIC); and

(5)To make declarations and recommendations on how the current CHF initiatives can be strengthened to contribute to the achievement of UHI and eventually UHC.

Participants will contribute Ushs150,000 towards meals for the two days of the conference.

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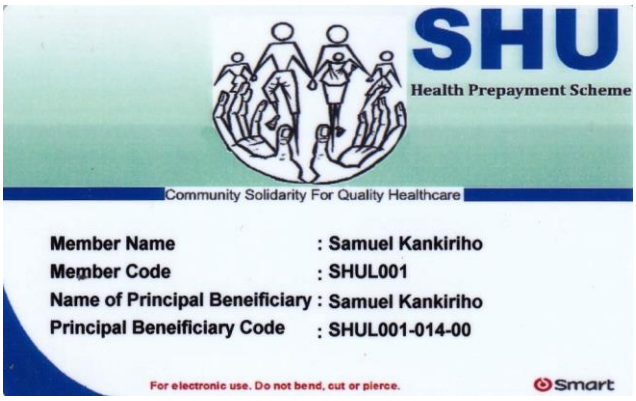
SHU-CHI goes digital, members get smart cards

Following the introduction of the SHU-managed Community Health Insurance (CHI) scheme in 2013, SHU is steadily adopting modern technology to improve the experience of scheme members when accessing healthcare services. The SHU-managed scheme targets corporate clients plus formally and informally organized groups particularly living in urban and semi-urban areas.

The latest development is the introduction of the online biometric system for identification of scheme members in Luwero area, which includes Luwero, Nakaseke and Nakasongola districts.

A total of 47 families have so far received digital (smart) healthcare access cards replacing the old paper cards used previously. The target is to distribute cards to at least 3,000 scheme members in Luwero, Masaka and Kampala over the first year.

Three contracted health care providers now have the necessary equipment to interpret the information on scheme members' smart cards. These are Kiwoko Hospital in Nakaseke district, Bishop Ceasar Asili Hospital in Luwero district and Franciscan Health Centre IV in Nakasongola district.



A copy of the electronic health care access cards being issued to members of SHU-CHI schemes in Luwero area and Masaka.



A copy of the old paper card previously used by scheme members.

Unlike Kiwoko and Bishop Ceasar Asili hospitals, which had already installed facilities for the biometric system, this is a new initiative at Franciscan Health Centre.

Scheme members are happy to upgrade from the paper cards, which were bulky and easily spoilt. On the side of the contracted healthcare facilities, identification of scheme members has become faster and easier because the biometric system relies on fingerprints.

Scheme member's corner

My name is Ntaro Eriasafu. I am 72 years old. I am a member of Kasaana West Tweragurize (community health insurance) scheme in Kasaana sub-county, Sheema district. I have been a member of the scheme since its formation in 2011.

I was recently diagnosed with Hernia at Kitagata Hospital, which is one of the health care providers contracted by Tweragurize schemes in Sheema. I was admitted to Grade A (private wing) at the hospital and underwent an operation, which was very successful. I was discharged two days later.



Mr. Ntaro Eriasafu

I am so glad that I received the care I needed in time without having to look for money. To clear the medical bill, I presented my family health care access card which was issued to me when I joined the scheme. My medical bill was more than three times the amount of money I paid for my entire family to enroll into the scheme. It was all paid by my scheme. Tweragurize eboneire! (the scheme is indeed good). I appreciate the partnership between the schemes and health care providers, which helped me to get timely treatment.

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