

Government of Jamaica Health Cards

Cabinet has approved the introduction of a Government of Jamaica (GOJ) Health Card, for the first time in the history of Jamaica.

Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Fenton Ferguson, made the announcement during his contribution to the 2013/2014 Sectoral Debate in the House of Representatives, on Tuesday, June 25. "Among its uses, the card will facilitate proper systems of monitoring and evaluation and the optimization of service delivery channels for pharmaceuticals," Dr. Ferguson said. He also stated that the phased introduction of this unique card will yield significant benefits through efficiencies in service delivery and overall patient care. The GOJ Health Card will be tied to the individual's Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN) and the Ministry, through the National Health Fund (NHF), will facilitate a simplified and on-going registration process. "The card will facilitate better monitoring and identification. It will also take into account private health insurance, so that instances where charges arise, that can be adequately and quickly covered. We see expedited services arising out of the use of this card," Dr. Ferguson said. He added that the Ministry will be taking advantage of improved technology to offer a better client experience and "this is why, by a simple swipe, we will be able to identify PATH beneficiaries."