# HEALTH INSURANCE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2016



#### **Health Insurance Department**

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

These financial statements have been prepared by management, who are responsible for the reliability, integrity and objectivity of the information provided. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves using management's best estimates and judgments, where appropriate.

Management is responsible for maintaining a comprehensive system of accounting records, internal controls, policies and management practices, designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and in compliance with legislation, assets are safeguarded, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis.

The Health Insurance Committee (the "Committee") is responsible for ensuring that management fulfills its responsibility for financial reporting and internal controls. The Committee meets periodically with management to discuss matters relating to financial reporting, internal control and audits. The Committee also review the financial statements before their approval. The financial statements have been approved by the Committee and have been examined by the Office of the Auditor General.

The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report is presented herein.

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Director

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7 September 2018 (Date of approval)



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### To the Minister of Health

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Health Insurance Fund, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016, and the statements of operations and accumulated deficit, change in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with public sector accounting standards generally accepted in Bermuda and Canada, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in Bermuda and Canada. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

# Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Health Insurance Fund as at March 31, 2016, and the results of its operations, changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with public sector accounting standards generally accepted in Bermuda and Canada.

Hamilton, Bermuda September 7, 2018 Heather Thomas, CPA, CFE, CGMA Auditor General

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# MARCH 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Premiums due from policyholders,	2,321,445	661,774
net of allowance of \$149,861 (2015 - \$144,592)	470,432	232,633
Due from the Mutual Re-insurance Fund (note 4)	2,607,520	3,090,257
Other receivables	2,347	94
	5,401,744	3,984,758
LIABILITIES		
Claims payable (note 6)	6,387,300	4,461,086
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	138,589	170,792
Other payables	105,245	108,494
Deferred revenue	428,250	489,251
	7,059,384	5,229,623
NET DEBT	(1,657,640)	(1,244,865)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses	<u> </u>	30,261
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	(1,657,640)	(1,214,604)
CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS (note 8)		

# HEALTH INSURANCE FUND STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED DEFICIT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
REVENUES		
Policyholder premiums Prescribed sum (note 4) Provision for interfund (note 5) Government grant (note 9) Bad debt recovery	15,911,237 9,870,129 3,779,315 3,771,543	13,452,290 7,926,750 4,449,679 3,571,551 279,035
	33,332,224	29,679,305
EXPENSES		
Claims incurred Premiums ceded to the Mutual Re-insurance Fund (note 4) Administrative Bad debt	30,037,058 2,117,118 1,615,816 5,268 33,775,260	26,930,697 1,085,029 2,405,944 
ANNUAL OPERATING DEFICIT	(443,036)	(742,365)
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR	(1,214,604)	(472,239)
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT, END OF YEAR	(1,657,640)	(1,214,604)

# HEALTH INSURANCE FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
NET DEBT, BEGINNING OF YEAR Annual operating deficit Change in prepaid expenses	(1,244,865) (443,036) 30,261	(472,239) (742,365) (30,261)
NET DEBT, END OF YEAR	(1,657,640)	(1,244,865)

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Annual operating deficit	(443,036)	(742,365)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
(Increase) decrease in premiums due from policyholders	(237,799)	116,945
Decrease (increase) in due from the Mutual Re-insurance Fund	482,737	(3,090,257)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	30,261	(30,261)
Increase in claims payable	1,926,214	2,239,443
Decrease in IBNR	-	(514,000)
Increase in other receivables	(2,253)	(2)
Decrease in due to the FutureCare Fund	-	(363)
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenue	(61,001)	277,857
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(32,203)	64,569
(Decrease) increase in other payables	(3,249)	104,447
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,659,671	(1,573,987)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH		
EQUIVALENTS	1,659,671	(1,573,987)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		
YEAR	661,774	2,235,761
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	2,321,445	661,774

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MARCH 31, 2016

#### 1. AUTHORITY

The Health Insurance Fund (the "Fund") was established to provide hospital and medical insurance for all residents of Bermuda, irrespective of age and state of health. The Fund and the Health Insurance Committee (the "Committee"), which administers and manages the Fund, were established under the Health Insurance Act 1970 and subsequent amendments (the "Act"). In general, the Fund receives all policyholder premiums and pays all policyholder claims (subject to prescribed premium rates and claims limits). In addition, certain expenses incurred by the Committee are included in these financial statements.

Insurance policies are written exclusive of claims related to the indigent, aged or youth (termed subsidy claims, as further defined by the Act) which are paid from the Consolidated Fund of the Government of Bermuda (the "Consolidated Fund").

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Pursuant to standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, the Fund is classified as an other government organization. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with public sector accounting standards generally accepted in Bermuda and Canada and include the following significant accounting policies:

#### (a) Revenue recognition

Policyholder premiums are recorded on the accrual basis.

#### (b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash on deposit with financial institutions that can be withdrawn without prior notice and time deposits with an original maturity of 90 days or less.

#### (c) Provision for claims

The provision for claims comprises both reported claims which are outstanding as at the statement of financial position date together with the Fund's estimate of claims incurred but not reported as at the statement of financial position date. Although the Fund believes that the provision for claims is adequate, there is no absolute assurance that the ultimate settlement of the liability may not be greater or less than that which has been estimated as at the statement of financial position date. The method of making such estimates and establishing the provision for claims is continually reviewed and updated, and any resulting adjustments will be reflected in the statement of operations and accumulated deficit in the year in which they become known.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (d) Foreign currency translation

United States currency amounts are translated into Bermuda dollars at par.

Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date.

#### (e) Financial instruments

The Fund's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, premiums due from policyholders, other receivables, due from the Mutual Re-insurance Fund, claims payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other payables. These financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost.

Transaction costs related to financial instruments in the cost or amortized cost category are added to the carrying value of the instrument when initially recognized.

Write-downs on financial assets are recognized when the amount of a loss is known with sufficient precision, and there is no realistic prospect of recovery. Financial assets are then written down to net recoverable value with the write-down being recognized in the statement of operations and accumulated deficit.

It is management's opinion that the Fund is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

#### (f) Measurement uncertainty

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with public sector accounting standards generally accepted in Bermuda and Canada. These standards require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant areas requiring the use of estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts, provision for claims and accruals. Estimates are based on the best information available at the time of preparation of the financial statements and are reviewed annually to reflect new information as it becomes available. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### (g) Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Fund is a going concern, meaning it will continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The Fund's continuation as a going concern depends on financial support from the Government of Bermuda (the "Government"). The Fund is economically dependent upon the financial assistance provided by the Government to fund its daily operations, cash flow and capital acquisitions.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MARCH 31, 2016

#### 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund is related to all Government agencies, ministries, departments, funds and quasiautonomous non-governmental organizations under the common control of the Government. Also, the Fund is related to organizations that the Government jointly controls or significantly influences.

The Fund enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business and such transactions are measured at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration established and agreed by the related parties.

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various government entities including the Bermuda Hospitals Board (the "BHB"), the Consolidated Fund, the FutureCare Fund (the "FCF") and the Mutual Re-Insurance Fund (the "MRF"), which are all under the common control of the Government. In addition, the Fund, the FCF and the MRF are under the direct management, supervision and control of the Committee which is under the direct control of the Minister of Health.

#### 4. DUE FROM THE MUTUAL RE-INSURANCE FUND

The MRF acts as a re-insurer of the Fund (as prescribed by the Act) with respect to certain claims. The premiums due are based on rates per insured as defined by the Health Insurance (Standard Hospital Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2013. In addition, the MRF is required to remit a prescribed sum to the Fund as further defined by the Health Insurance (Mutual Re-insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Order 2014. The sum to be paid by MRF to the Fund is \$14 per month, per insured effective April 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015 and \$18.40 per month, per insured effective June 1, 2015 (2015 - \$14 per month, per insured).

As at March 31, 2016, the amount due from the MRF is the prescribed sum payable by the MRF. Amounts due are carried interest free.

#### 5. PROVISION FOR INTERFUND BALANCES

On January 28, 2014, Cabinet approved Interfund write-offs of various expenses between the Consolidated Fund, the MRF, the FCF and the Fund amounting to \$18,396,855. At March 31, 2015 and 2016, application to write off inter-fund payables and receivables had not been submitted to Cabinet for approval. However, since it is doubtful whether payment of these amounts will materialize, full provision was made for these balances. The impact on the statement of operations and accumulated deficit is as follows:

	<u>2016</u> \$	<u>2015</u>
Net due (from) to the Mutual Re-insurance Fund Net due to the FutureCare Fund	(1,214,158) 4,993,473	706,485 3,743,194
	<u>3,779,315</u>	<u>4,449,679</u>

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#### 6. CLAIMS PAYABLE

The majority of claims are submitted by the BHB on behalf of patients/insured persons. These claims are valued in accordance with the Bermuda Hospitals Board (Hospital Fees) Regulations 2015. The provision for claims is as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Claims incurred:		
Bermuda Hospitals Board	25,727,060	23,793,348
Portability and medical	4,111,955	3,433,468
Dental	<u>198,043</u>	217,882
Total incurred	30,037,058	27,444,698
Claims paid:		
Bermuda Hospitals Board	23,912,499	21,535,278
Portability and medical	3,999,219	3,458,352
Dental	199,126	211,625
Total paid	<u>28,110,844</u>	<u>25,205,255</u>
Increase in claims payable	1,926,214	2,239,443
Claims payable, beginning of year	4,461,086	<u>2,221,643</u>
Claims payable, end of year	6,387,300	4,461,086
Represented by:		
Bermuda Hospitals Board	5,672,707	3,858,148
Portability and medical	687,910	575,173
Dental	26,683	27,765
	6,387,300	4,461,086

#### 7. STATEMENT OF REMEASUREMENT GAIN AND LOSSES

These financial statements do not include a statement of remeasurement gains or losses as the Fund has no activities that give rise to remeasurement gains or losses.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 8. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Fund has entered into various contracts relating to operational support and delivery of services. The aforementioned contracts have commencement terms prior to March 31, 2016 and the latest contract termination date is January 31, 2018. These contractual obligations will become liabilities in the future when the terms of the contracts are met. The remaining obligations of the contracts are as follows:

Description of services	2017 \$	<u>2018</u> \$	<u>2019</u> \$
Claims processing Office cleaning services Rental of premises Information technology support	354,480 4,400 48,190 1,320	51,373 4,400 40,159 1,320	4,400 - 1,320
	\$408,390	\$97,252	\$5,720

#### 9. GOVERNMENT GRANT

In accordance with section 12(1) of the Act, "There shall be paid to the credit of the Health Insurance Fund an initial sum of one hundred thousand dollars which shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund at such times and in such amounts as the Committee with the approval of the Minister, may require."

Subject to the approval of the House of Assembly signified by resolution, the initial sum paid in the preceding paragraph may from time to time be increased by resolution of the Committee and any increase of that sum, approved as aforesaid, shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

The Fund received \$3,425,000 (2015 - \$3,087,000) as Government grant for the fiscal year March 31, 2016. In addition, administration fees totalling \$346,543 (2015 - \$484,551) were paid by the Consolidated Fund on behalf of the Fund.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The Committee has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of its risk management framework. The Fund manages its risks and risk exposures through sound business practices. The following analysis provides a measure of the risks at the reporting date, March 31, 2016.

#### (a) Credit Risk

The Fund's credit risk arises primarily from the following:

	2016	<u> 2015</u>
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	2,321,445	661,774
Premiums due from policyholders	470,432	232,633
Other receivables	2,347	94
Due from the Mutual Re-insurance Fund	2,607,520	3,090,257

The maximum exposure to credit risk is limited to the carrying value of the financial assets summarized above. The objective of managing counterparty credit risk is to prevent losses on financial assets. The Committee determines, on a continuous basis, amounts receivable on the basis of amounts it is virtually certain to receive based on their estimated realizable value. It is management's opinion that the Fund is not exposed to significant credit risk.

#### (i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash in checking and savings accounts. Credit risk associated with cash is minimized substantially by ensuring that these financial assets are invested with highly rated financial institutions.

#### (ii) Receivables and interfund balances

The Fund's credit risk arises from the possibility that a counterparty which owes the Fund money is unable or unwilling to meet its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions in the contracts with the Fund, which would result in a financial loss for the Fund. This risk is mitigated through established credit management techniques, including ongoing reviews of outstanding balances.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods to measure credit risk.

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#### 10. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### (b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Fund's objective in managing liquidity is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its commitments when due, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Fund's reputation. The Fund manages exposure to liquidity risk by closely monitoring liabilities, focusing on generating positive cash flows from operations and establishing and maintaining good relationships with various financial institutions.

The expected cash flows of financial liabilities for claims payable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other payables are current.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods to measure liquidity risk.

#### (c) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates, will affect the fair value of recognized assets and liabilities or future cash flows of the fund's results of operations. The Fund has minimal exposure to market risk.

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Fund's business transactions are mainly conducted in Bermuda dollars and, as such, it has minimal exposure to foreign exchange risk.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

The Fund is exposed to changes in interest rates, which may impact interest earned on short-term deposits.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods to measure market risk.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 11. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Fund's objective when managing capital is to hold sufficient accumulated surplus to enable it to withstand negative unexpected financial events. The Fund seeks to achieve this objective through receipt of contributions from the Government, policyholder premiums and an annual surplus. The Fund seeks to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet its short-term obligations as they come due. The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

#### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Effective April 1, 2016, as per the Health Insurance Amendment Act 2016, amendment to the Health Insurance (Mutual Re-Insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Order 2014, the Prescribed Sum of \$70.72 will be allocated as noted below:

- \$25.00 to the HIF
- \$14.00 to the FCF
- \$ 1.09 to the BHEC
- \$16.40 to the BHB
- \$ 7.53 to the Consolidated Fund

The balance of \$6.70 is to remain in the MRF for operating expenses.

Effective June 1, 2017, as per the Health Insurance Amendment Act 2017, amendment to the Health Insurance (Mutual Re-Insurance Fund) (Prescribed Sum) Order 2014, the Prescribed Sum of \$91.57 will be allocated as noted below:

- \$31.53 to the HIF
- \$16.50 to the FCF
- \$ 1.09 to the BHEC
- \$13.16 to the BHB

The balance of \$6.70 is to remain in the MRF for operating expenses.

The Fund received the following Government grant contributions for the fiscal years:

- 2016-2017 \$5,080,825
- 2017-2018 \$nil

In addition, administration fees were paid by the Consolidated Fund on behalf of the Fund for fiscal years:

- 2016-2017 \$323,370
- 2017-2018 \$319,700

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#### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (continued)

Effective April 1, 2018, as per the Health Insurance Amendment Act 2018, amendments were made to the Health Insurance Act 1970, Health Insurance (Audit of Accounts) Regulations 1971 and the Health Insurance (Mutual Re-insurance Fund) Prescribed Sum Order 2014 to provide for the merging of the Fund and the FCF while preserving the Health Insurance plan and the FutureCare plan as two distinct plans. The FCF was wound up and the Committee paid any balance standing to the credit of the FCF into the Fund and all the assets and liabilities of the FCF were transferred to the Fund. The Health Insurance Plan and the FutureCare Plan continued as two product lines and, therefore, there was no impact on policyholders.