

OVERVIEW OF 2019 SPR, BHB FUNDING & HEALTH FINANCING REFORM

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Overview

- Context: Bermuda's health situation
- Standard Premium Rate status
- BHB funding change
- Health financing reform
- Bermuda Health Strategy update



THE CONTEXT

Bermuda's health situation



We have some strengths and some challenges

Strengths

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

0 maternal deaths, and low infant mortality



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

Good outbreak control

LIFE EXPECTANCY

On par with high-income countries



HEALTHCARE ACCESS

98% of adults get regular health checks

Challenges

Overweight and Obesity



75% adults are overweight or obese

LONG TERM CARE

Ageing population and limited care options



CHRONIC NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

35% of adults have chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and kidney disease



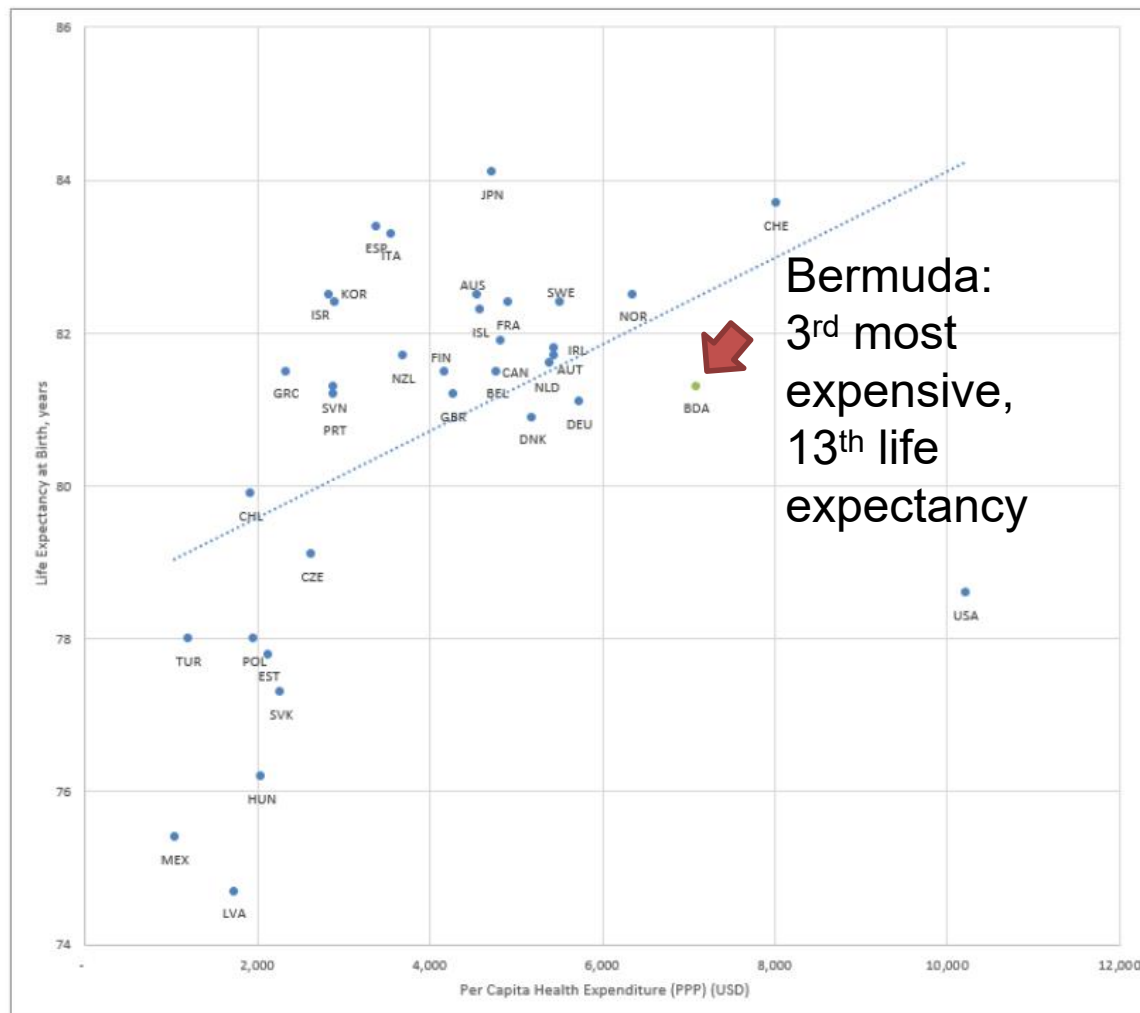
HEALTH COSTS

\$11,336 spent per person each year



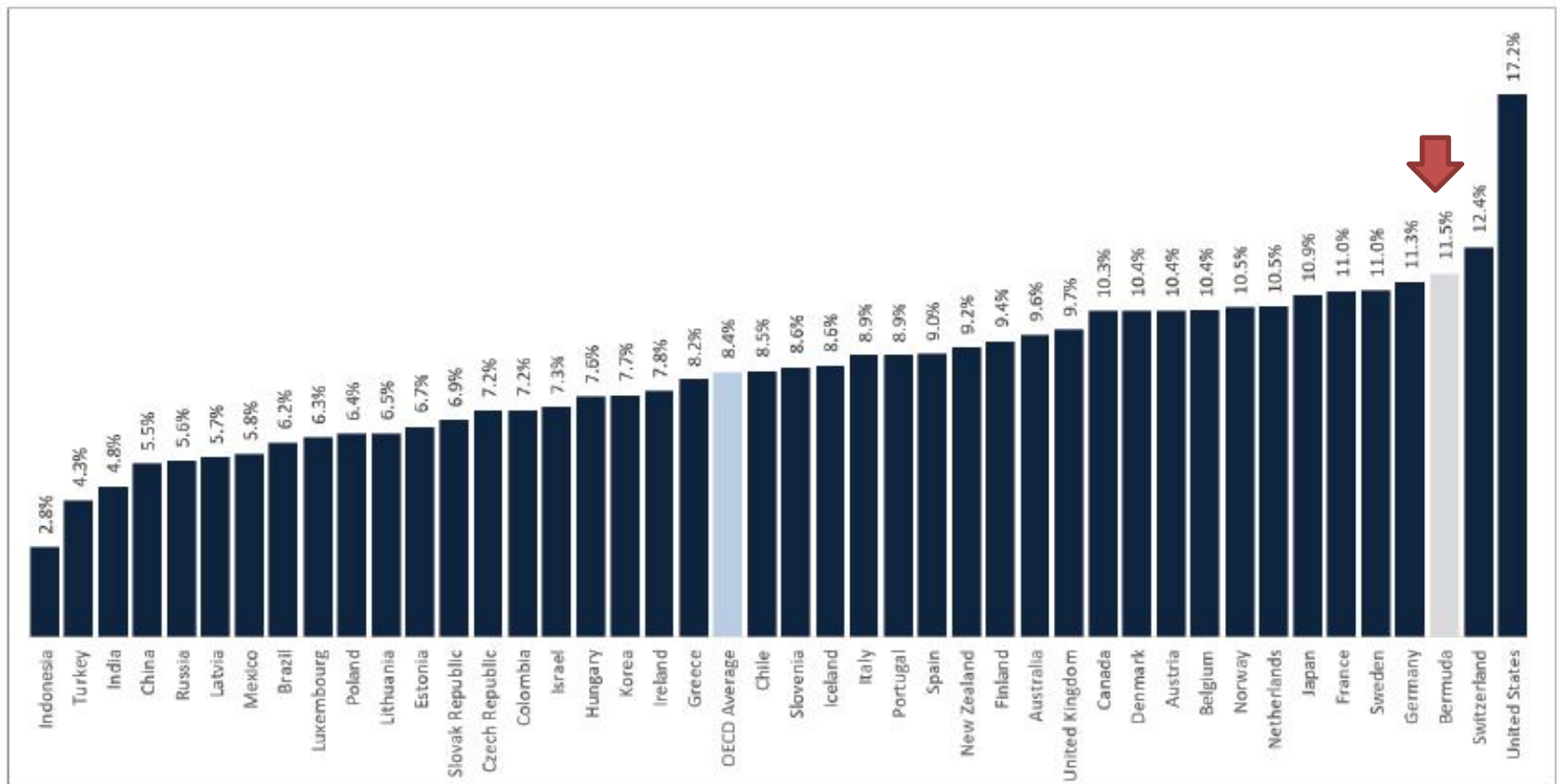
Our health system does not get value for money

Graph 9. Per Capita Expenditure vs Life Expectancy as a Measure of Health Outcomes



Health costs consume 11.5% of GDP

Graph 8. Health Share of GDP



Bermuda has bent the healthcare cost curve and averted at \$1 billion fiscal cliff

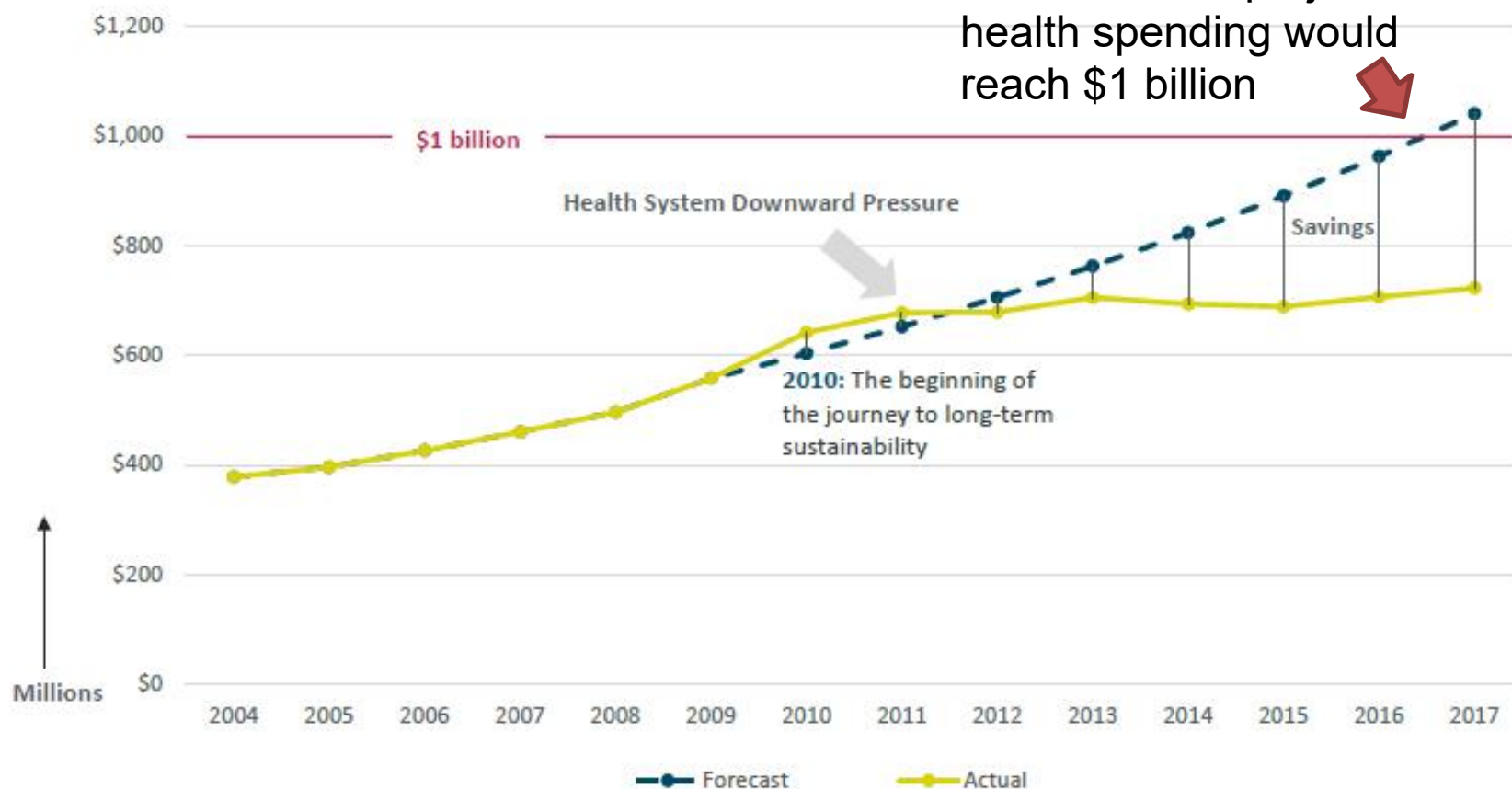
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Bermuda healthcare expenditures



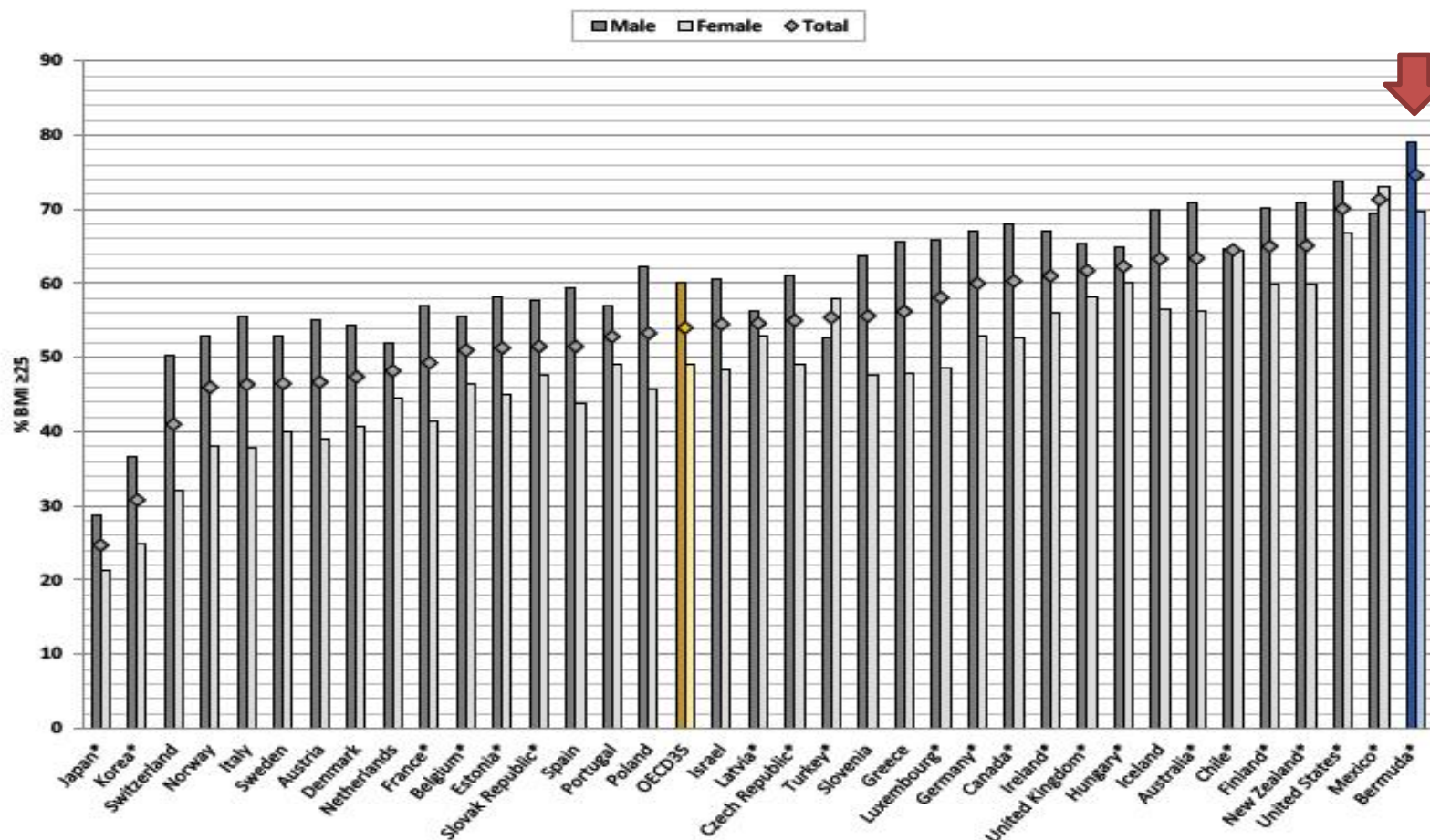
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In 2010 it was projected health spending would reach \$1 billion



75% of adults are overweight or obese

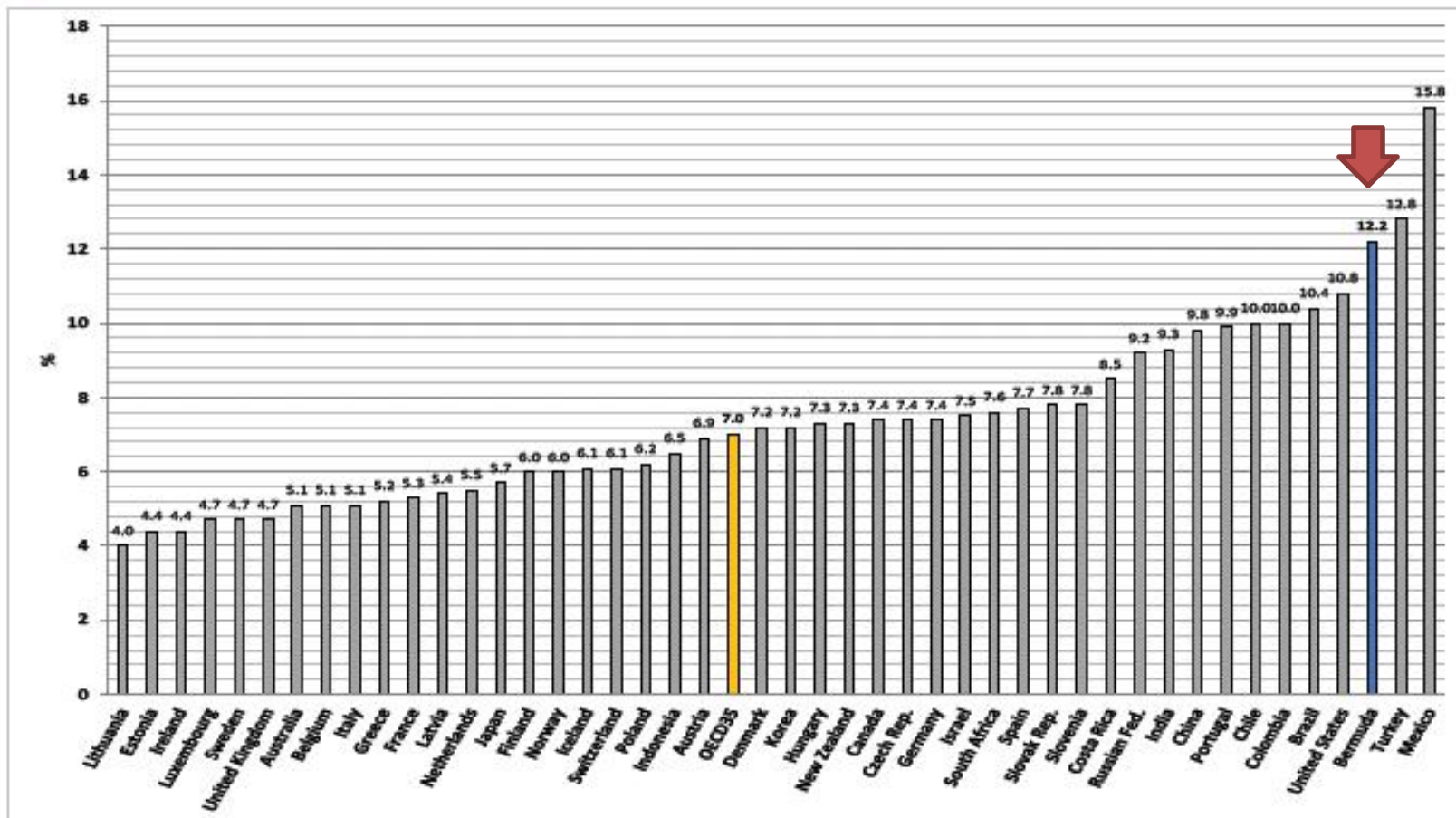
Prevalence of overweight and obesity (BMI 25 and over), OECD Comparison, 2014 (or nearest prior year available)



SOURCE: Health in Review, 2017 OECD Health Data 2017

12% of adults have diabetes

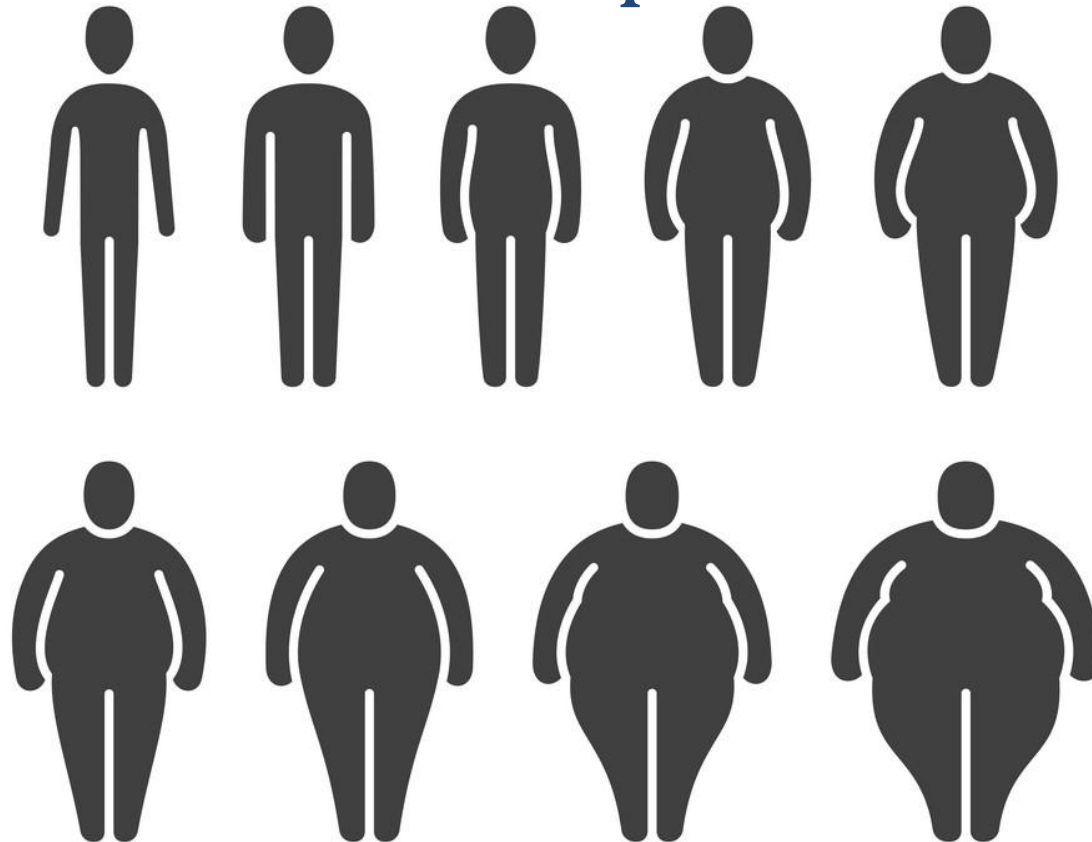
Figure 2.5.1 Prevalence of diabetes, OECD Comparison, 2015 (or nearest prior year available)



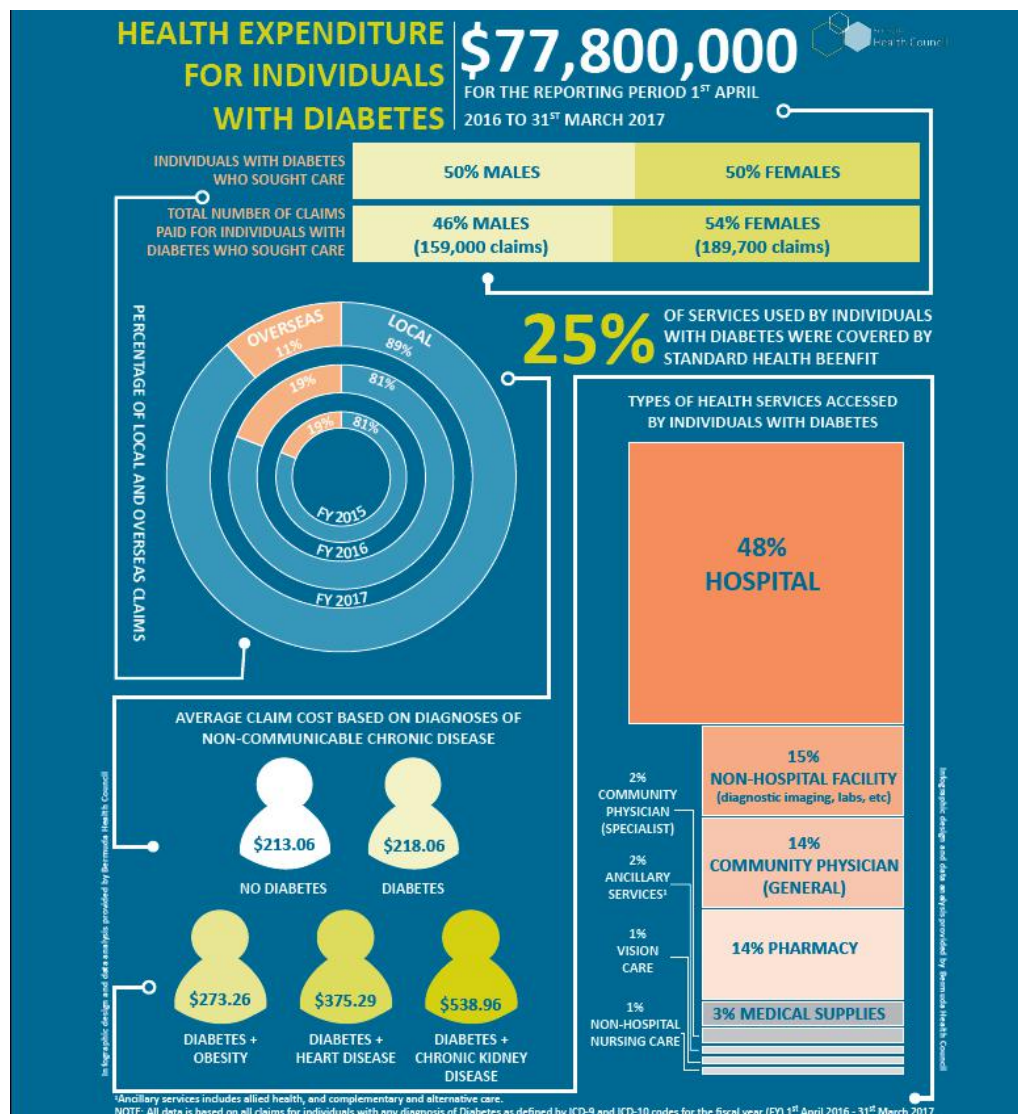
SOURCE: OECD Health Data 2017



54% of Adults have one to two chronic disease risk factors: smoking, low fruit/veg intake, inactivity, overweight or raised blood pressure



\$78 million is spent on just 2 preventable conditions. That's 10% of all health spending



STANDARD PREMIUM RATE 2019



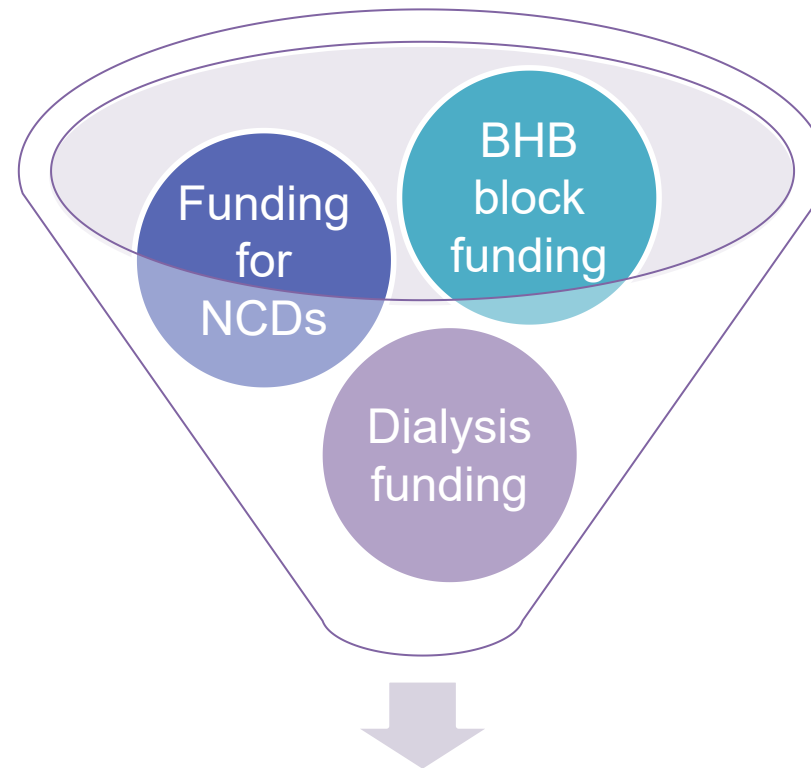
“Status Quo”
Scenario: An \$84
actuarial premium
increase
unacceptable to
the public and
employers.
SPR of
\$355.31 vs \$439.32



By streamlining the way BHB is funded we protect the standard premium to pay for healthcare only



The SPR, HIP and FutureCare premiums will not increase in 2019



No premium increase

Healthcare \$ are protected for healthcare

Basic health benefits are kept

Fiscal space for chronic disease benefits

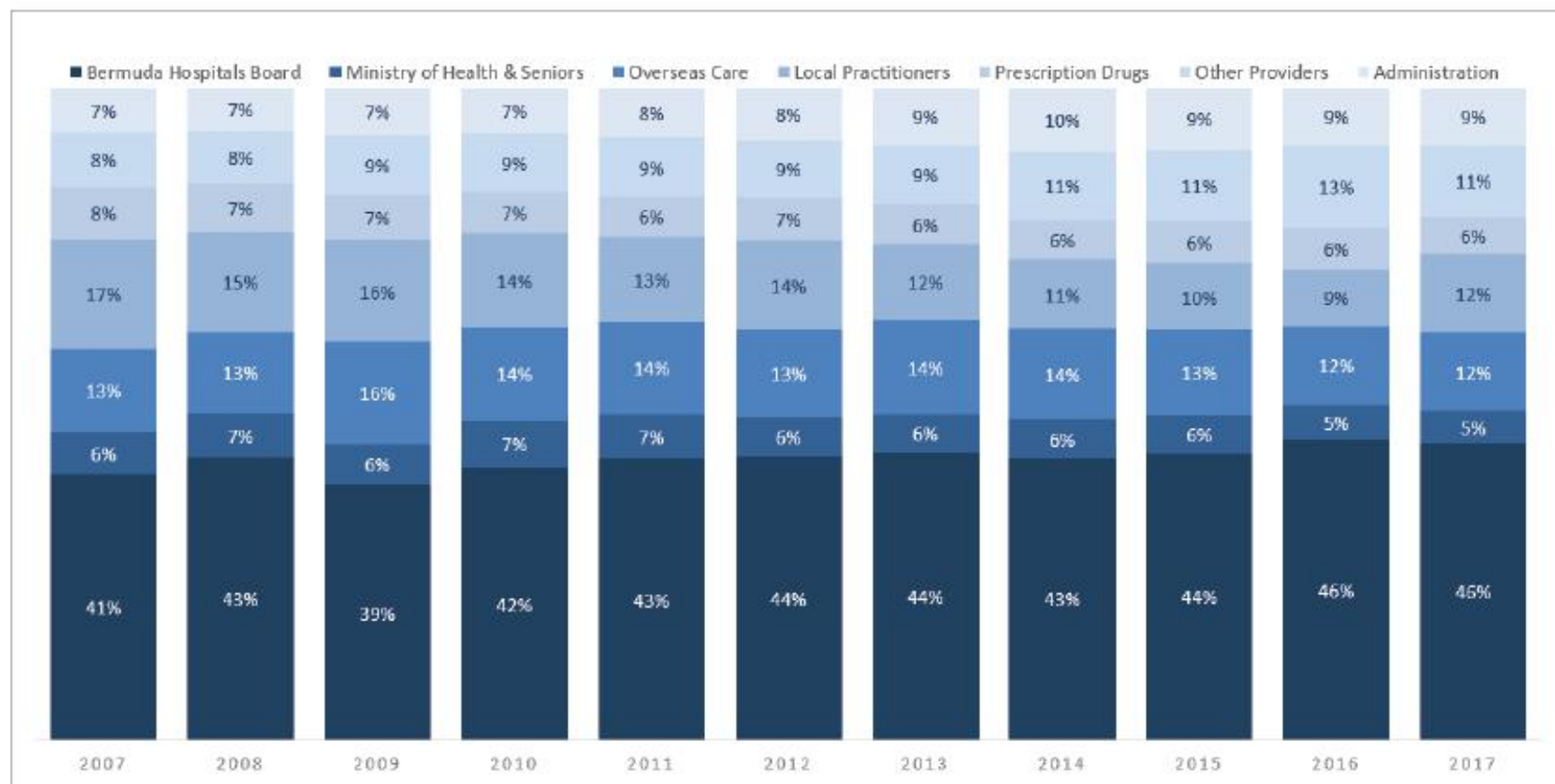


BHB FUNDING CHANGE



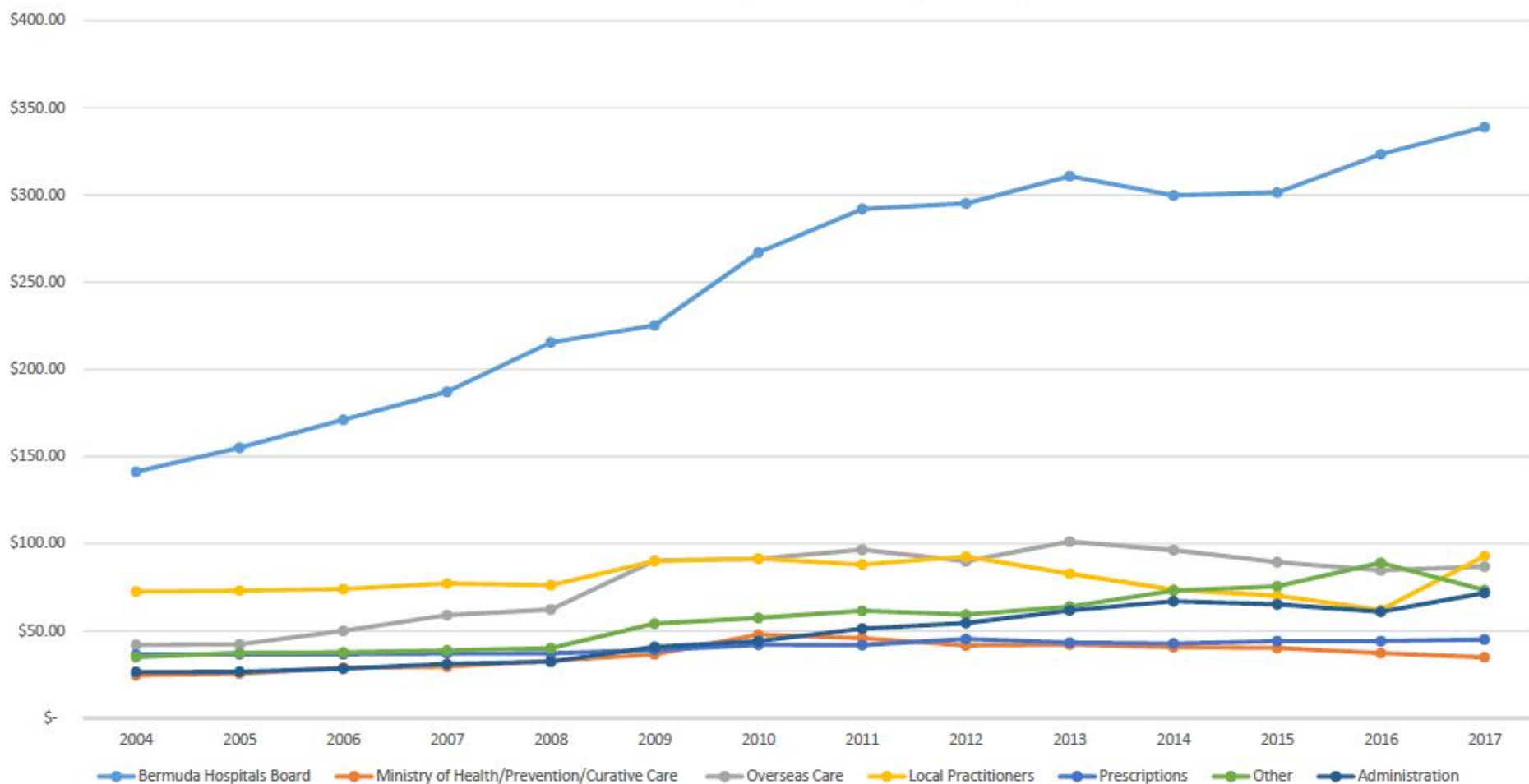
46% of health spending is on hospital care and over 95% of SHB/SPR spending

Graph 4. Categories of Health Expenditure



Most components of health spending have been stable over the past 15 years

Growth of Health Expenditure Items (BD \$'000)



Currently 4 BHB funding sources



Paying for hospital services

Currently, the Bermuda Hospital Board covers its annual cost through four primary sources:



Fees charged to public and private insurers for health services rendered (i.e. claims against the Standard Health Premium);



A Government subsidy grant towards the cost of caring for children, seniors and the indigent;



A Government grant for the Mid-Atlantic Wellness Institute ("MWI"); and



A transfer from the Mutual Reinsurance Fund (MRF).

The objective of these various payment mechanisms is to ensure the Bermuda Hospitals Board has sufficient funding to operate the hospital and MWI, and be able to re-invest in necessary building maintenance and technology upgrades.



Moving from paying for volume to paying for value



A mixture of payment systems is recommended in any health system to incentivize desired behaviours



The streamlined funding model prevents \$20 million added spend and created more opportunity for oversight and utilization review

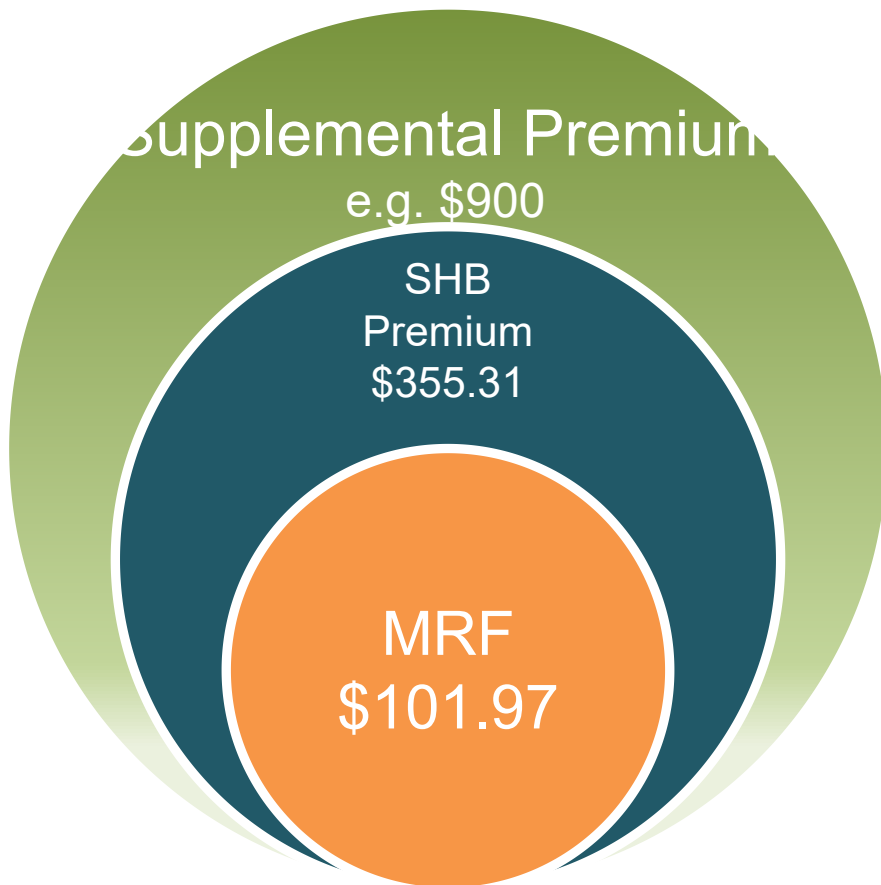


The change in payment mechanism amounts to a \$20 million reduction in projected health system costs over the next year. It will enable the expansion of preventive and primary care.

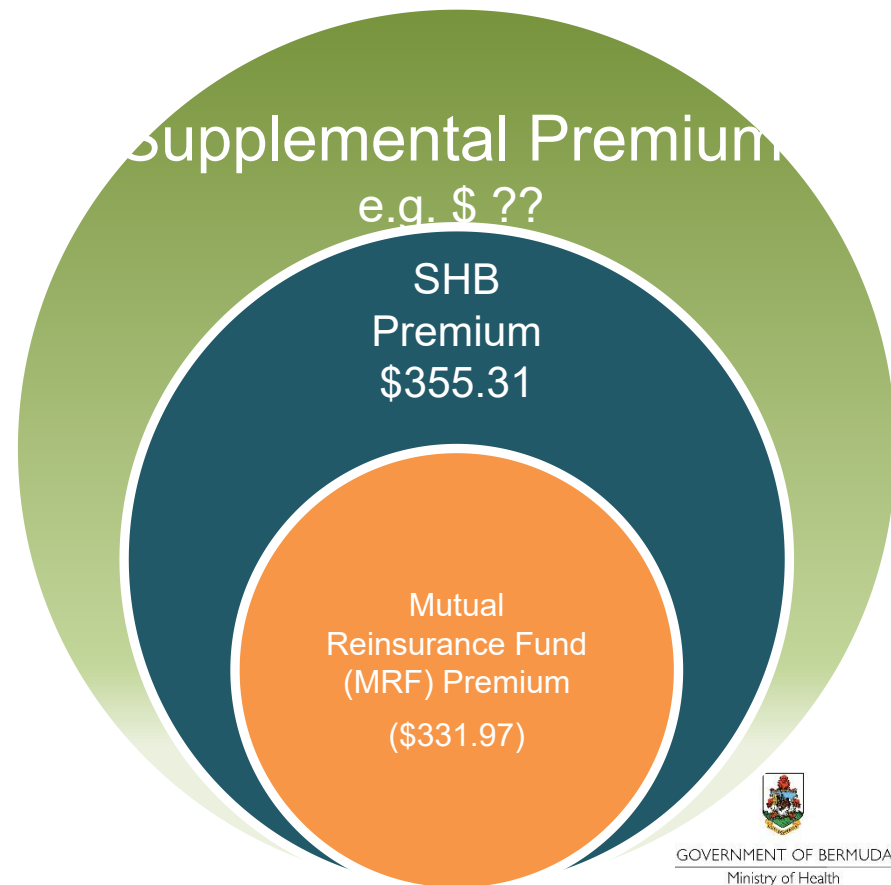


While the standard premium will stay the same,
the MRF premium will form a larger part

Current premiums



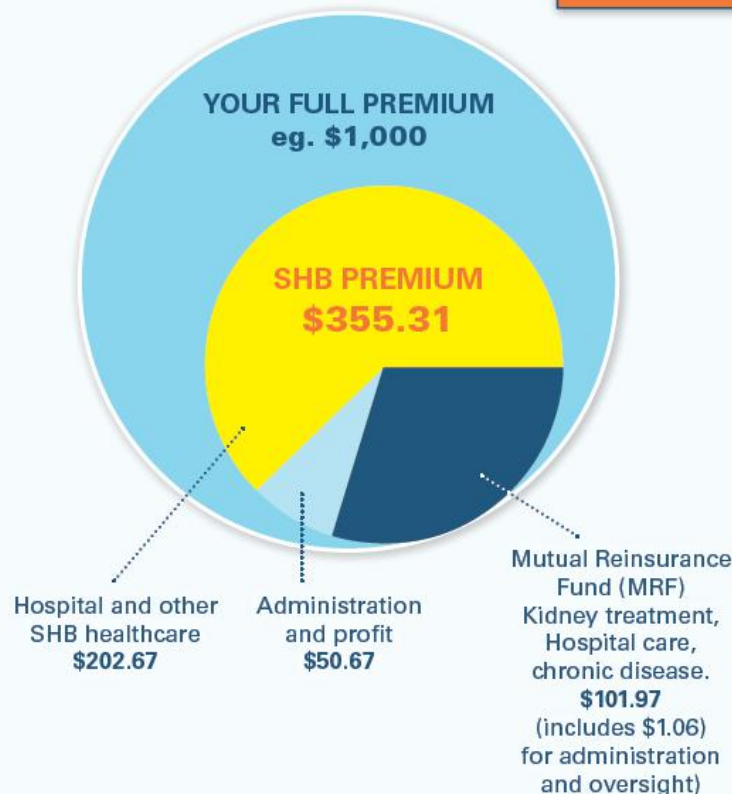
1st June premiums



The new BHB funding system will ensure health premiums only pay for healthcare

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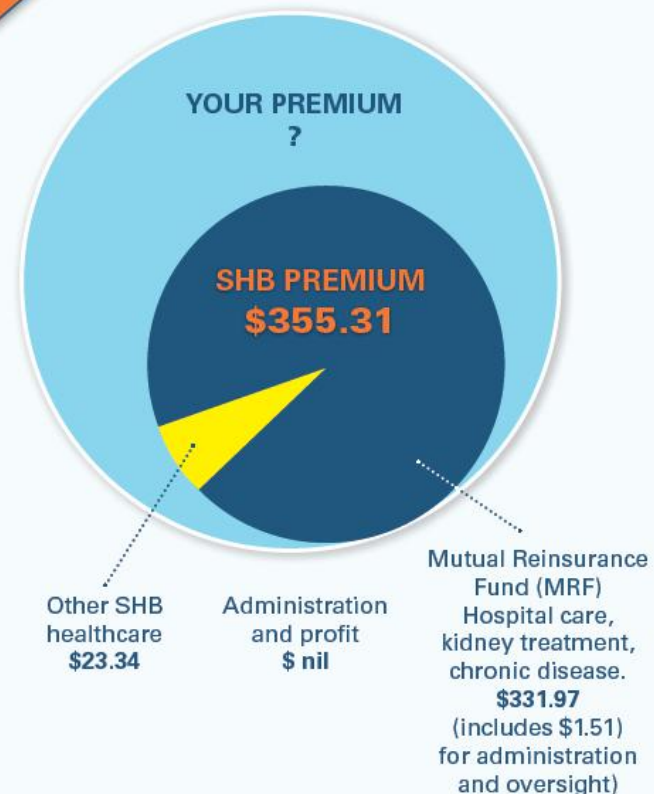
Standard Health Benefit (SHB) premium **\$355.31**
\$303.58 actually go towards healthcare



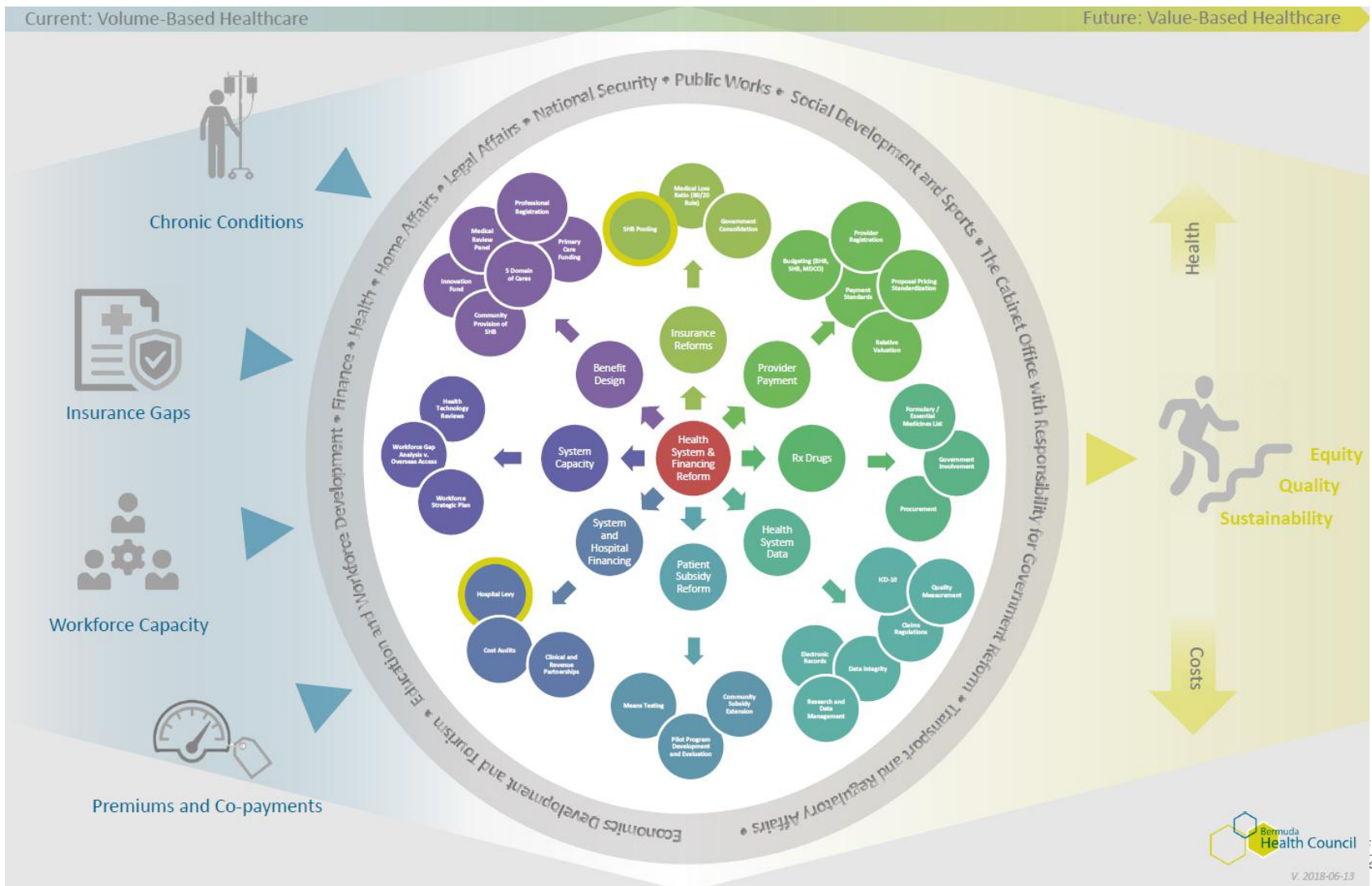
Your SHB premium should be spent on healthcare

FUTURE STATE

Standard Health Benefit (SHB) premium **\$355.31**
\$353.80 will go towards healthcare



To improve health outcomes and lower costs we have to change the way we pay for healthcare



HEALTH FINANCING REFORM



The National Health Plan 2011 started the reform process: a Task Group was appointed to reform health financing, an RFP contracted actuaries and Harvard advisor, and an 'options report' was produced in December 2012

Finance & Reimbursement Task Group

1. Kevin Monkman, MOH
2. Collin Anderson, HID
3. Jennifer Attride-Stirling, BHeC
4. Delia Basden, BHB
5. Dr. Kyjuan Brown, Physician
6. Teresa Chatfield, Business
7. Michael Fisher, Business
8. Nicola O'Leary, Cabinet Office
9. Larry Peck, Insurer
10. Marcelo Ramella, Economics
11. Gerald Simons, Insurer
12. George Spurling, MS
13. Richard Winchell, ABIC
14. Michelle Ye, BHeC Economist



Report on a Health Financing Structure
in support of Bermuda's National
Health Plan



The Government didn't waste time re-inventing the wheel, but chose to use the work of the FRTG to progress health financing reform

2013 NHP
in
abeyance

2015
Rebranded
as BHS

2017 Re-
started
HFR work



In 2012 FRTG considered all possible options to finance healthcare and settled on the two presented as the most viable to achieve the reform goals

Reform Goals

- Universal coverage
- Decent basic package
 - Financial risk protection
 - Prevention and management
- Affordable
- Cost containment

Models Considered

- Medical Savings Accounts
- Individual risk rating
- National Health Service
- Single payer system
- Status quo with guaranteed issue
- Status quo

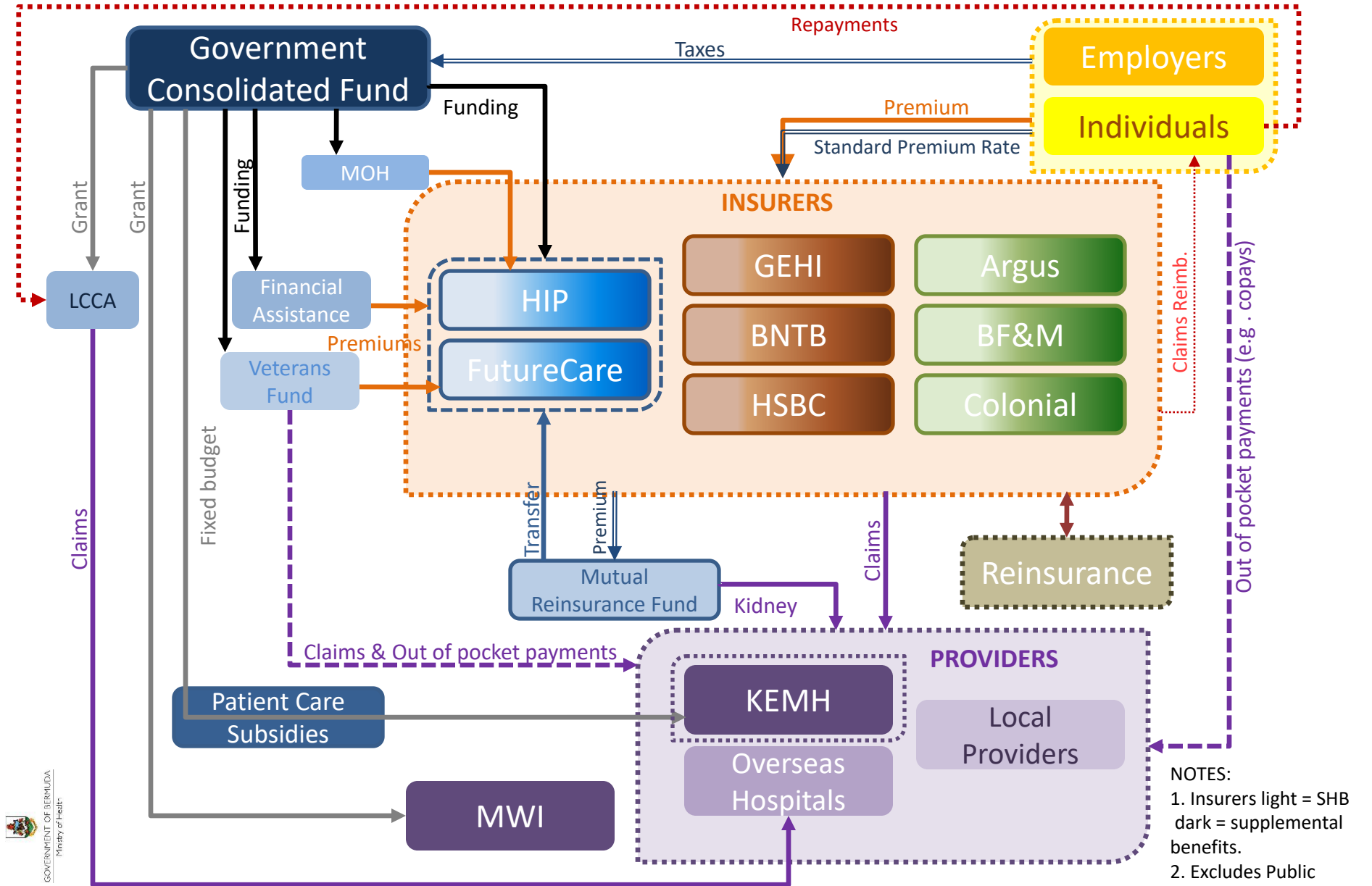


The 2012 Health Financing Options were developed with consultation and expert advise, considered all possible options, and proposed the most viable models for Bermuda, designed to reduce duplication and increase efficiency

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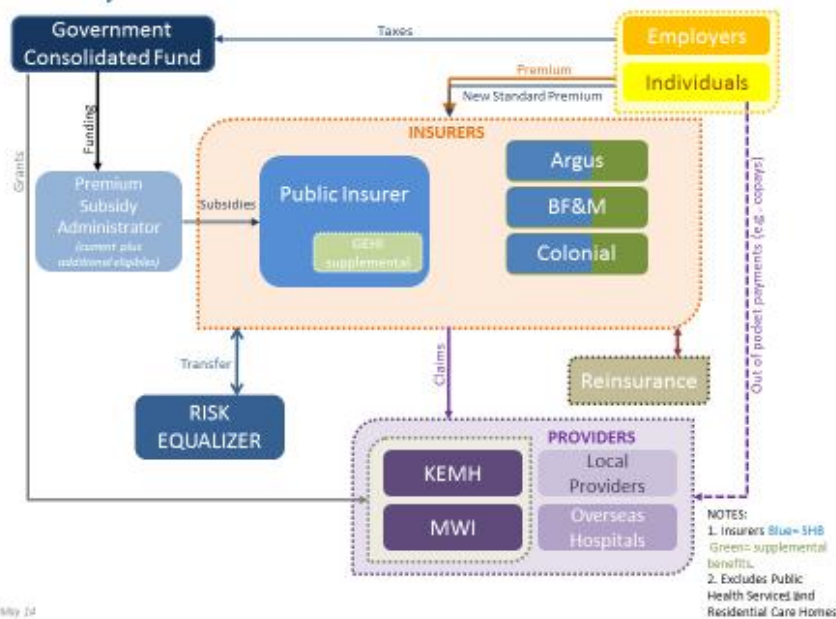


Current Health Insurance Financing System



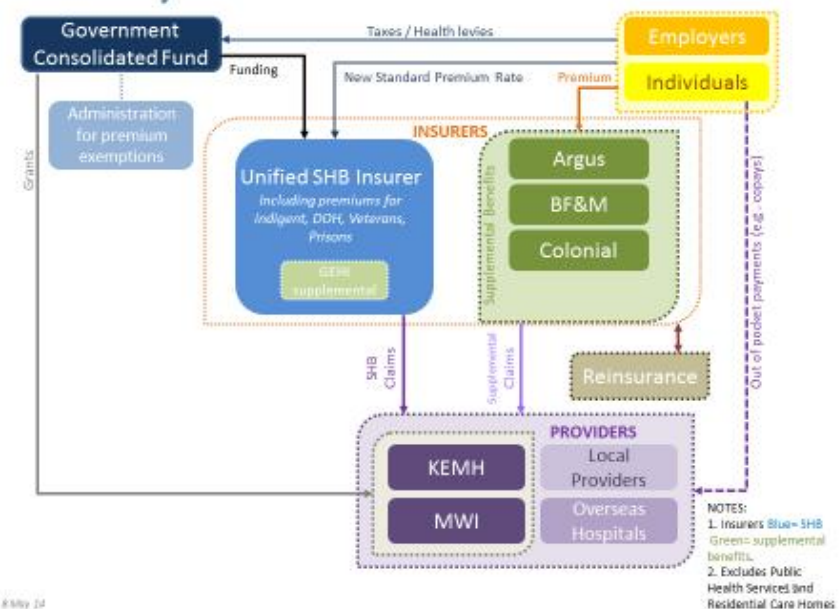
Two health financing options were developed that achieve the health system reform goals of efficiency, sustainability and improved healthcare access

Dual System



Version 2.1 8 May 14

Unified System



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Both options improve on the current system and achieve universal coverage

Feature	Current System	Unified System	Dual System
Universal Coverage	x	✓	✓
Uniform Minimum Package of Benefits	✓	✓	✓
Guaranteed Issue	x	✓	✓
Community Rating for Minimum Package	✓	✓	✓
Existence of Public Insurance Pool	✓	✓	✓
Existence of Private Insurance Pools	✓	Supplemental Only	✓
Size of Risk Pools	Various	One pool	Various
Funding (non-government)	Premiums	Premiums and Other	Premiums
Government Funding	✓	✓	✓
Cross Subsidy in Funding	✓	✓	✓
Risk Management	✓ (e.g. MRF and reinsurance)	✓ (e.g. reinsurance)	✓ (e.g. transfer mechanism, reinsurance)
Reimbursement of Providers	Fee-for-service for Outpatient and a fee based on a Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) for Inpatient	Fee-for-service, DRG and Other	Fee-for-service and DRG



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The HFR initiative is led by the Ministry
supported by the Health Council
a Steering Committee, and
a Stakeholder Consultation Group

MINISTER OF HEALTH

Directs Policy

HFR STEERING COMMITTEE

Assesses and advises

BHeC

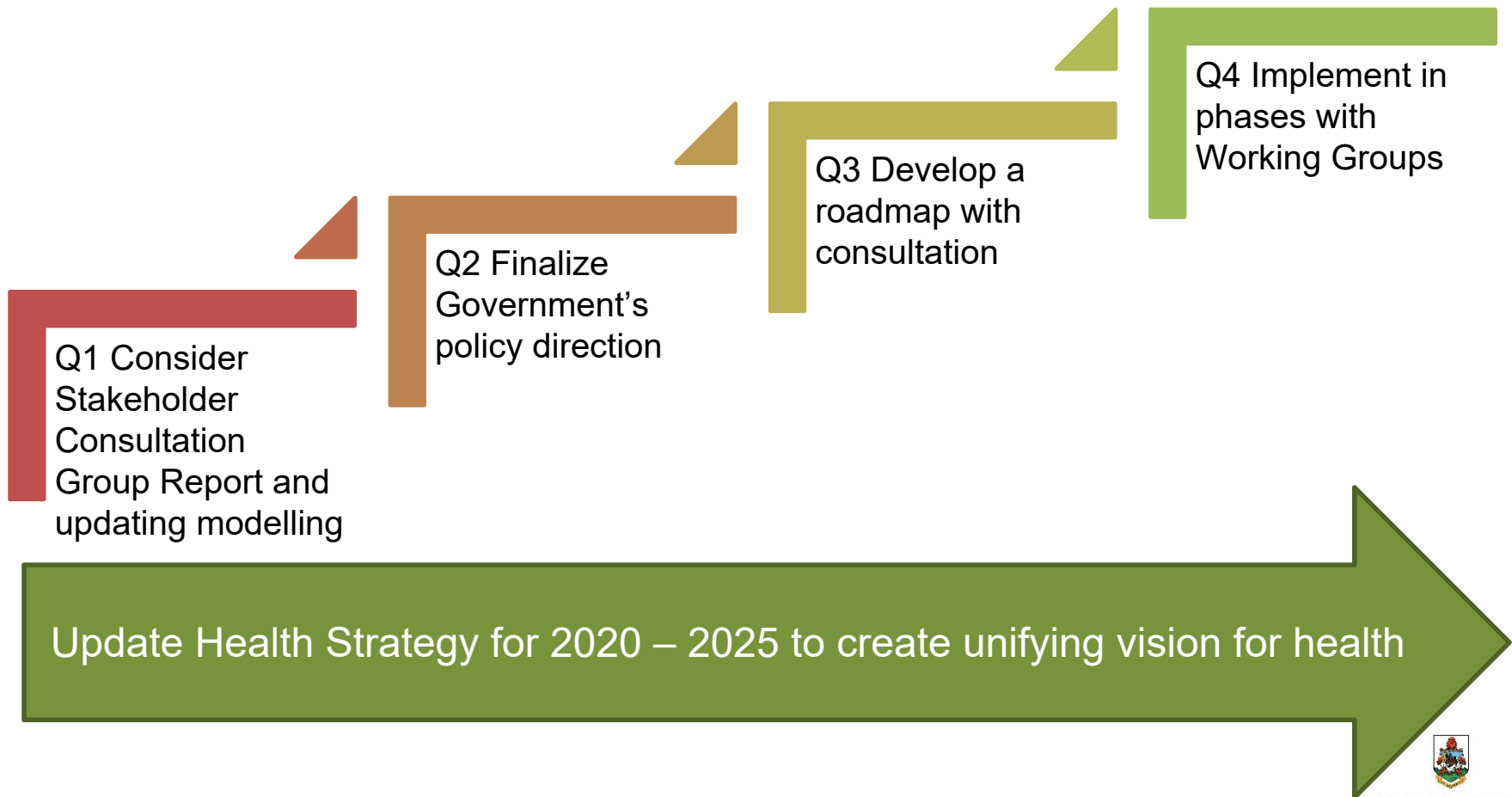
Technical support

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION GROUP

Stakeholder perspective, input and feedback



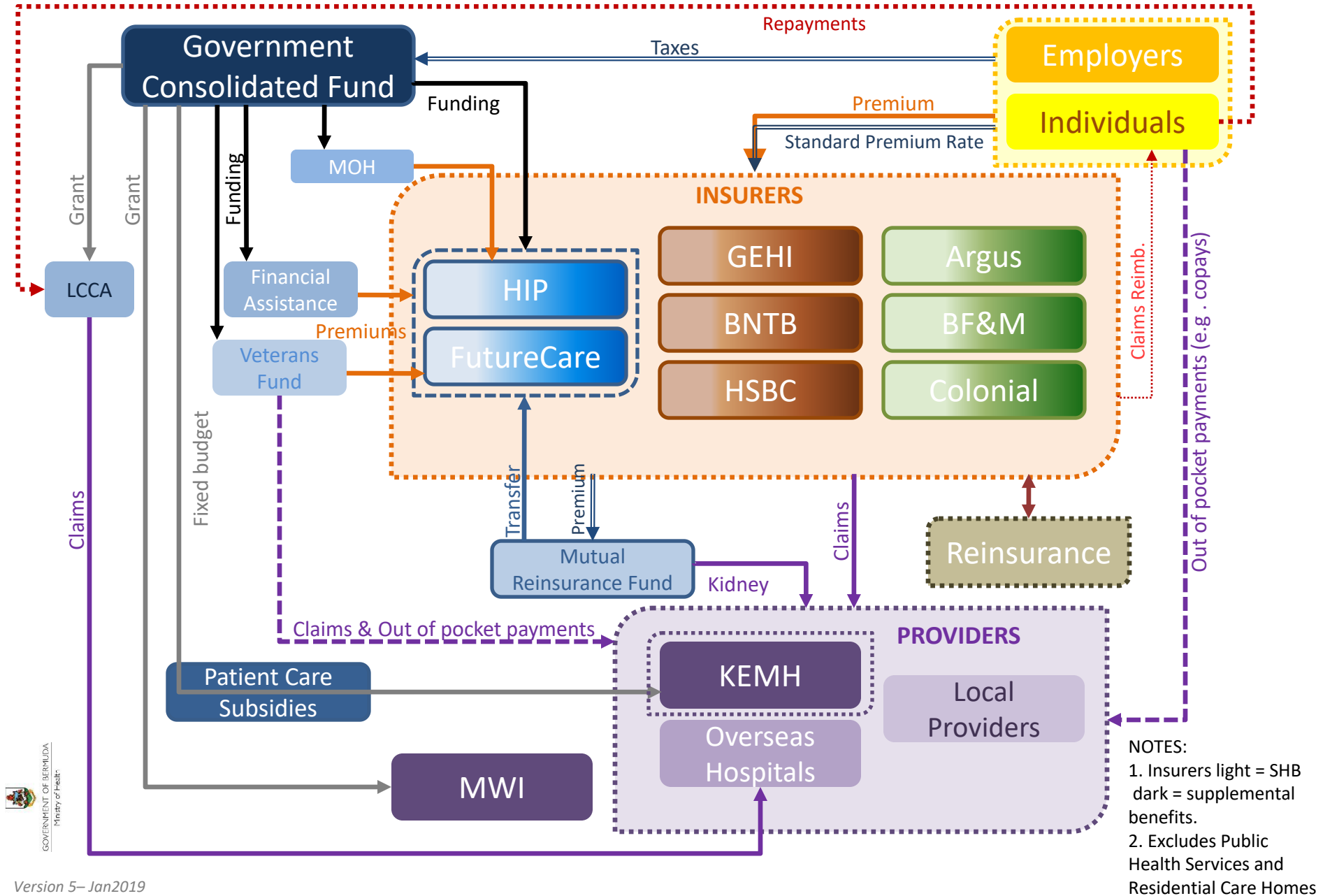
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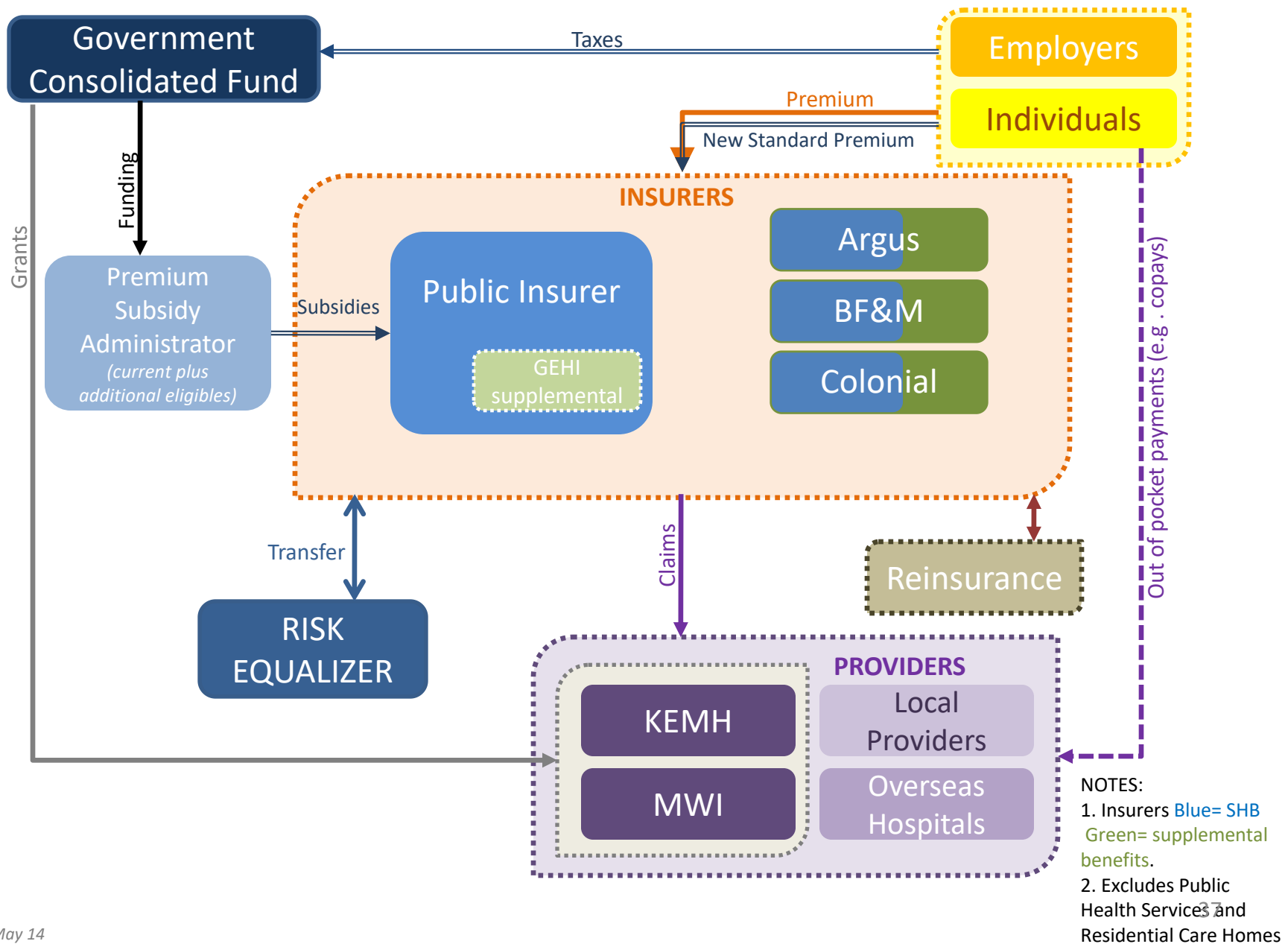


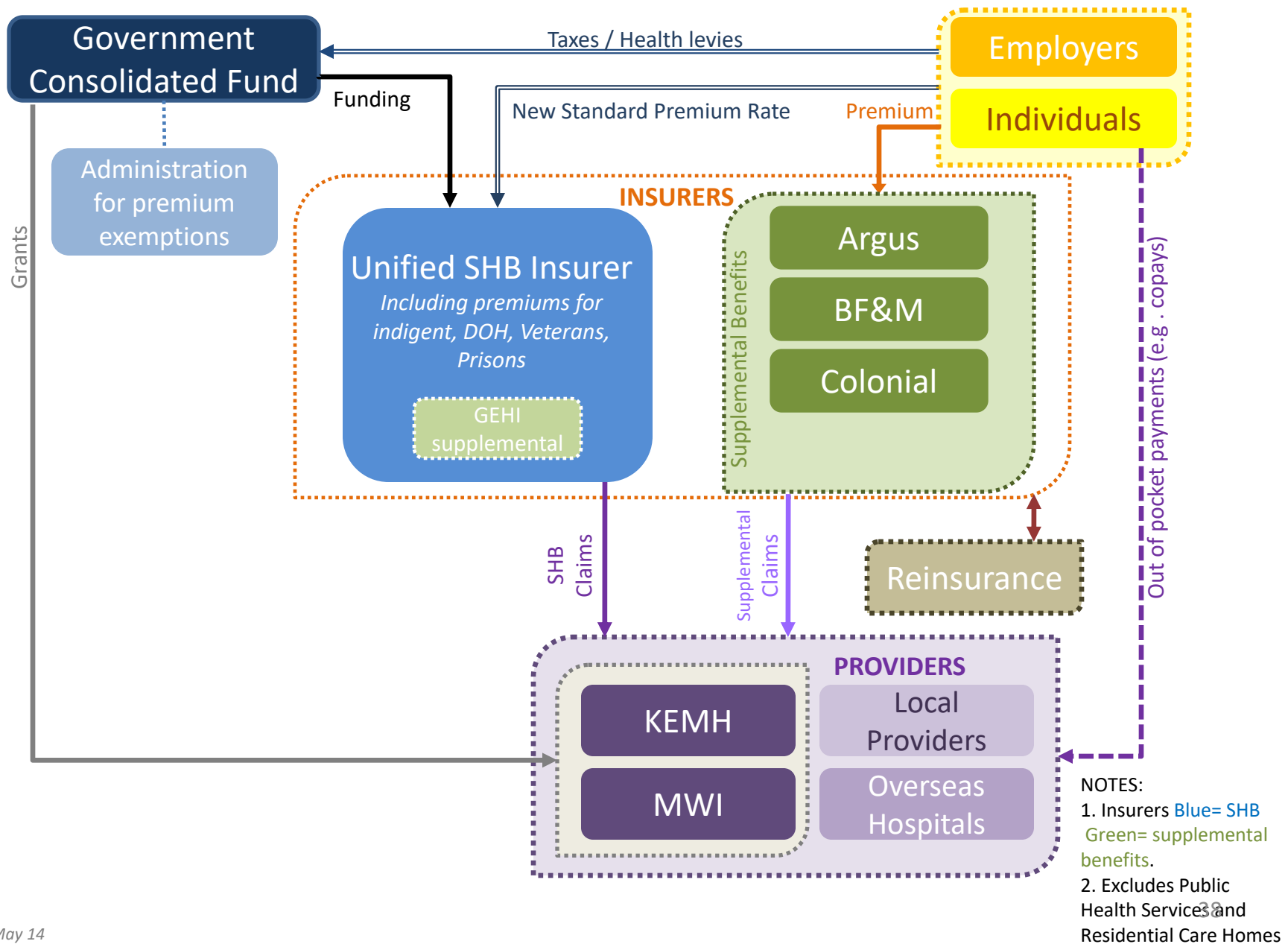
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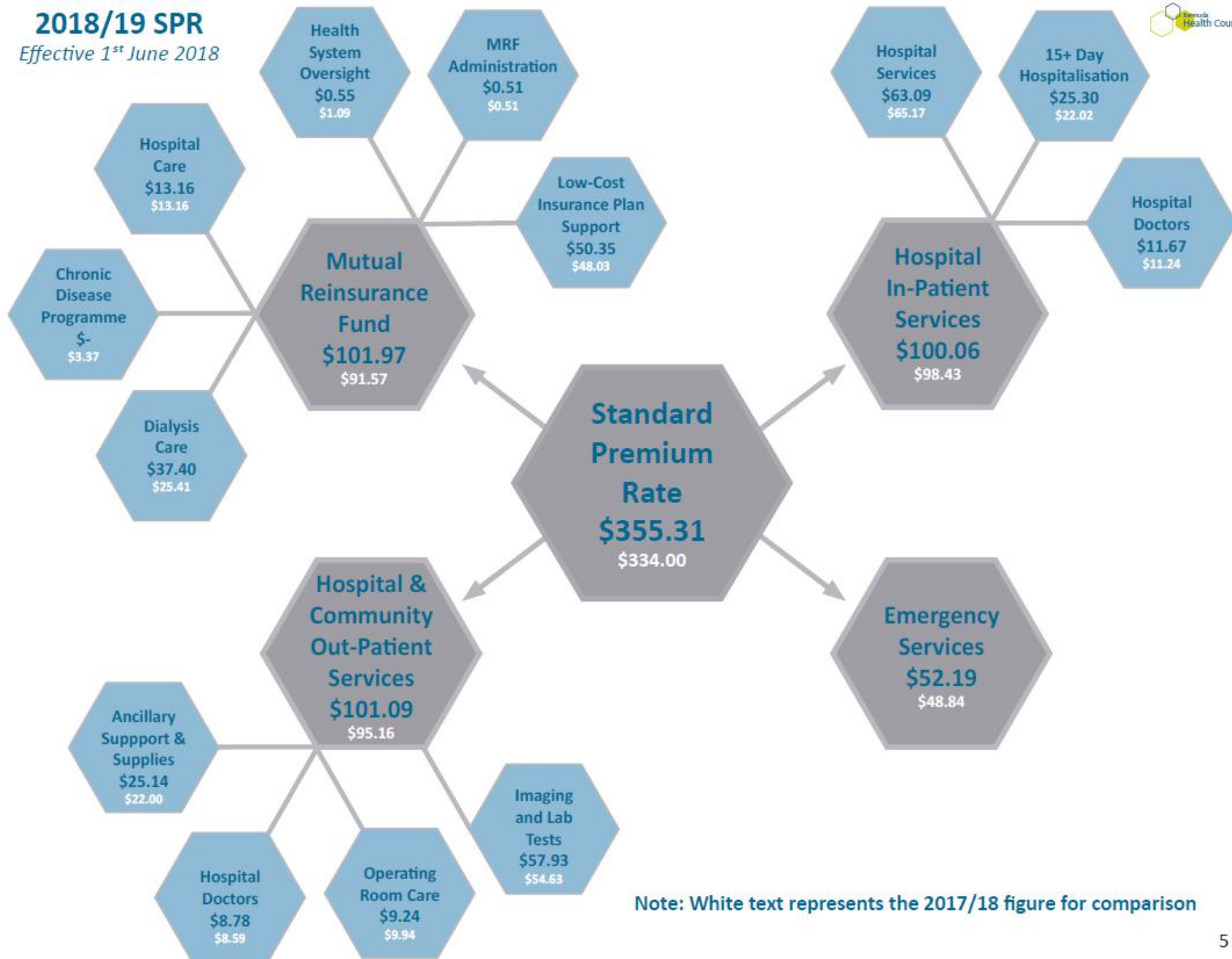






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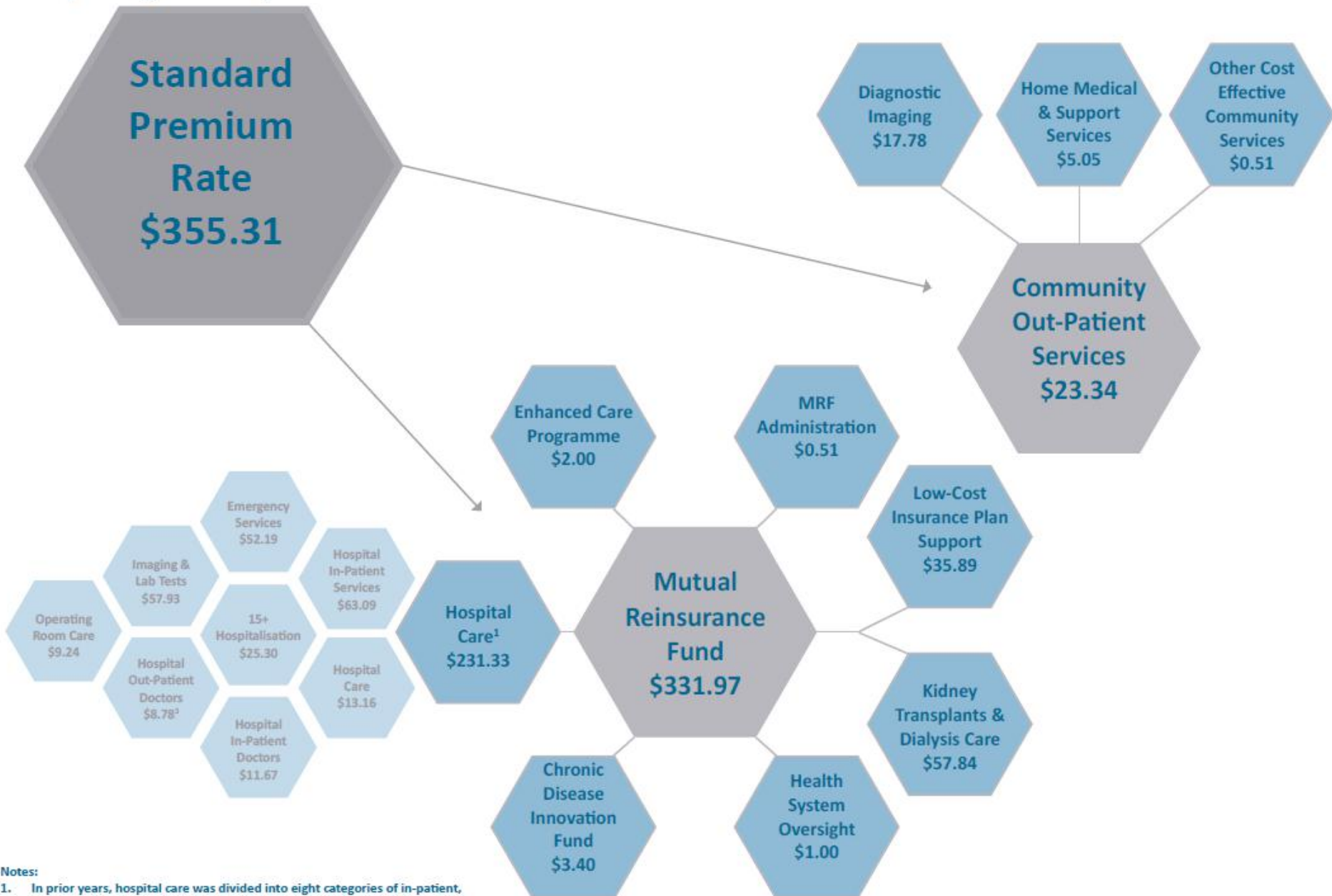
Effective 1st June 2018



Note: White text represents the 2017/18 figure for comparison

2019/20 SPR

Anticipated effective date, 1st June 2019



Notes:

1. In prior years, hospital care was divided into eight categories of in-patient, out-patient and emergency services. When the new SPR comes into effect, all hospital care will be covered by a single MRF transfer of \$231.33, compared to a cumulative SPR-related income of \$241.36 in 2018/19.