



Free Primary Healthcare

Health Without Barriers.

**Introducing Free Primary Healthcare for all
Ghanaians.**

**A bold promise from the Government of Ghana:
essential healthcare, free at the point of care —
for every citizen, every resident, regardless of
insurance status.**



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What Is Free Primary Healthcare?

A national health policy that gives every Ghanaian and legal resident access to essential healthcare services at the primary level at no cost at the point of care.

No insurance? **No problem.** You are covered.

Available at:

- ✓ CHPS Compounds
- ✓ Health Centres
- ✓ Public Health Units of Polyclinics
- ✓ Health Posts
- ✓ School Infirmarys
- ✓ Community Pharmacies



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Why Now?

Because 34% of Ghanaians are still uninsured. Despite over two decades of NHIS, many Ghanaians still face out-of-pocket costs that stop them from seeking care early. The result? Worse health outcomes. Preventable deaths. FPHC changes that. Permanently.

The Policy is designed to :

- ✓ Remove financial barriers to basic health services
- ✓ Promote early diagnosis and preventive care
- ✓ Reach rural, unserved and underserved communities
- ✓ Expand service delivery through pharmacies, schools, and health posts



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What Services Are Free?

Phase I Services (Adults 18+, annually):

- ✓ Breast cancer screening (physical examination)
- ✓ Blood pressure check
- ✓ Blood glucose testing
- ✓ Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment
- ✓ Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) risk counselling
- ✓ Mental health screening

For Children & Young People:

- ✓ Vision screening for infants (at child welfare clinics)
- ✓ Health checks for children aged 4–18 (vision, dental, mental health, skin)
- ✓ Referral for haemoglobin electrophoresis – newborns of sickling-positive mothers



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Who Qualifies?

Everyone.

All Ghanaians and legal residents qualify. No exceptions. No income threshold. No insurance requirement.

What you need to bring:

- ✓ **NHIS Card or Ghana Card (for identification)**
- ✓ **OTAC code — a One-Time Attendance Code for curative services**

No ID? The facility will use NHIA's approved verification process. You will not be turned away.



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Who Qualifies?

How to get your OTAC:

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- ✓ **Select Option 5 – OTAC Portal**
- ✓ **Select Option 2 – Generate OTAC for FPHC**
- ✓ **Choose:** for yourself or a third party
- ✓ **Enter your FPHC ID, biodata, or Ghana Card ID**



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Healthcare Comes to You.

You don't always have to go to a facility.

Community Health Nurses will visit homes, run outreach programmes, and bring basic screening directly into your community.

What happens at a visit:

- ✓ Blood pressure check
- ✓ Blood sugar test
- ✓ BMI measurement
- ✓ Physical examination
- ✓ Health education and counselling
- ✓ Referral for further care if needed

Some services will find you – not the other way around



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Rolling Out Across Ghana.



Phase 1- April 2026

160 districts.
Services available
at CHPS
Compounds,
Health Centres,
Polyclinics, School
Infirmaries and
Health Posts.

Phase 2 - 2027

Expanded
to cover
remaining
districts
nation-
wide.

Full Nationwide Coverage - 2028

Every district. Every community.
Every Ghanaian.



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FPHC Works With NHIS — Not Instead

FPHC = Prevention.

FPHC focuses on catching problems before they become serious — through free annual screenings, early detection, and community education.

NHIS = Treatment.

NHIS continues to cover hospital admissions, surgeries, and treatment services. Together, they give Ghanaians full-spectrum care.



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Important Clarifications:

- ✓ Hospital admissions and surgeries remain under NHIS arrangements
- ✓ FPHC does not replace NHIS — it extends the coverage floor
- ✓ NHIS premiums will not increase



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Funded by the State. Built for You.

FPHC is funded through a combination of:

- ✓ NHIS Levy
- ✓ SSNIT Contributions
- ✓ Government Budgetary Allocations

The programme is designed to remain financially sustainable – no new costs to the public.

Implemented by:

- ✓ Ministry of Health (MoH)
- ✓ Ghana Health Service (GHS)
- ✓ Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG)
- ✓ National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA)



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Your Part in Making It Work.

FPHC is a right, and a shared responsibility.

You can support the programme by:

- ✓ Going for your annual screening
- ✓ Keeping your NHIS membership active
- ✓ Following medical advice given at your visit
- ✓ Using services responsibly
- ✓ Encouraging family members to get screened

**The healthier each of us stays, the stronger
Ghana becomes**



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Health Is a Right. Not a Privilege.

The Free Primary Healthcare policy is Ghana's commitment to leaving no one behind — regardless of where you live, what you earn, or whether you have insurance.

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