

Free treatment halted for those 'unvaccinated by choice' in Singapore

(The Washington Post) - Eighty-five percent of people in Singapore eligible for coronavirus vaccines are fully vaccinated, and 18% have received booster shots.

But the Singaporean government said Monday that it will no longer cover the medical costs of people "unvaccinated by choice," who make up the bulk of remaining new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the city-state.

"Currently, unvaccinated persons make up a sizable majority of those who require intensive inpatient care, and disproportionately contribute to the strain on our health care resources," the Ministry of Health said in a statement Monday.

"COVID-19 patients who are unvaccinated by choice may still tap on regular health care financing arrangements to pay for their bills where applicable," the ministry added.

The government now foots the bill for any Singaporean citizen, permanent resident and holder of a long-term work pass who is sick with COVID-19, unless they tested positive shortly after returning from overseas.

"This was to avoid financial considerations adding to public uncertainty and concern when COVID-19 was an emergent and unfamiliar disease," the Health Ministry said in its statement.

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- Singapore Ministry of Health

"Until the COVID-19 situation is more stable," it added, it will continue to cover related medical costs for those who are vaccinated, as well as for those still not eligible: children 12 and under and people with certain medical conditions. Partially vaccinated people in Singapore will be covered until Dec. 31.

Singapore is considered to have one of the world's the best health care systems. A 2017 study in the leading medical journal the Lancet found that Singapore ranked first among 188 countries in efforts to meet health-related sustainable development goals set by the United Nations for 2030.



KABUL: An Afghan woman reacts at the Indira Gandhi children's hospital after explosions at a military hospital in Kabul on Nov. 2. The children's hospital was not attacked. Ali Khara/Reuters

Afghanistan violence dents Taliban pledge

By James Mackenzie
Reuters

ISLAMABAD—Last month, the family of Mawlawi Ezzatullah, a member of Afghanistan's Hizb-e Islami party, received a WhatsApp message from his phone: "We have slaughtered your Mawlawi Ezzat, come and collect his body."

Ezzatullah's killing, in the eastern province of Nangarhar, was one of a steady stream of assassinations and bombings that have undermined Taliban claims that they have brought greater security to Afghanistan after 40 years of war.

Victims have ranged from former security officials from the ousted government to journalists, civil soci-

ety activists, mullahs, Taliban fighters and apparently random targets like Ezzatullah, whose family said he had no enemies they knew of.

The Taliban have said their victory has brought stability to Afghanistan, where thousands of people were killed in fighting between the group and Western-backed forces between 2001 and 2021 before the hardline Islamists emerged victorious.

But on just one day last week, pictures from Jalalabad - the provincial capital of Nangarhar - appeared online showing two bodies swinging from a rope. Residents also reported a mullah's murder and video footage was circulated of a group of gunmen firing into a car, apparently killing its occupants, one of whom was identified by local journalists as a Taliban official.

Reuters was unable to verify the images and footage independently.

On Sunday, according to locals, three bodies were brought into a hospital in Jalalabad after a roadside bomb explosion that apparently targeted Taliban fighters in a pickup truck.

Later that day, gunmen shot a former Afghan army soldier in front of his house, killing him and two friends standing nearby.

The Taliban have downplayed such incidents, saying that after decades of war, it will take time for the country to be completely pacified.

"There are 34 provinces in the country and in a week, 20 cases will be prevented for every one that takes place," said spokesman Bilal Karimi. "We have had 20 years of revolution and invasion and the level of these incidents will go down."

Some former soldiers and intelligence officers from the ousted government blame members of the Taliban for targeting them since taking over. The group has promised there would be no reprisals, but accepts rogue fighters may have acted alone.

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Regular Virtual Board Meeting
 Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:30AM.
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Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to order:
- II. Roll call: Virtual Roll Call
- III. Proof of Publication: Ad posted in the Guam Daily Post
- IV. Approval of agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 23, 2021
- VI. HPLA Administrator's Report: Zennia C. Pecina, M.S.N., R.N.
- VII. Old Business:
 - (a) Complaint(s): GBEP-CO-16-01, GBEP-CO-17-01
 - (b) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesales
 - (c) Pharmacists by Endorsement.
- VIII. New Business:
 - (a) Pharmacy Interns Initial
 - (b) Pharmacists by Endorsement
 - (c) Pharmacists by Examination
 - (d) Pharmacy Technicians
 - (e) Pharmacies/Facilities/Wholesales
 - (f) Renewals 2021
- IX. Other:
- X. Announcement: The Guam Board of Examiners for Pharmacy Regular Session Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2021 at 7:30a.m (Tentative)
- XI. Adjourned:

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AGENDA:

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. August 5, 2021
- IV. President's Report
 - A. Chamoru Village Renovation B. Guam Museum 1. Naftan Memorial 2. Deaccession 3. AAL 4. Bill 208-36(Bldg Permit Fees) 5. GM Contracts C. Administration 1. Finance Report 2. Audit FY20 & FY21
- V. Old Business
 - A. Chamoru Village 1. DOI grant for renovations 2. Contracts and services 3. Wednesday Night Market B. Guam Museum 1. Rotating Exhibits 2. Rentals 3. Operations and COVID restrictions 4. GMFI (foundation) C. Guam Cultural Repository 1. Final decision on operational/management responsibility 2. Funding 3. Staffing 4. Land
- VI. New Business
 - A. Moratorium on donations 1. DCA proposal for a gradual lift of the moratorium 2. Vote to approve the proposal to gradually lift the moratorium on donations B. Arch Repair and BOT resolution 1. Resolution from BOT to GEDA approving the DCA project 2. Vote to approve the resolution to authorize DCA Project (repair) C. National Museum of Anthropology
- VII. Adjournment

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