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NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES FOR MOH COVID-19 LABORATORY TESTING

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Ministry of Health (MOH) would like to inform the public that there will be no out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 laboratory testing at the Belau National Hospital. MOH further clarifies that an established service charge is currently being negotiated with the Healthcare Fund so that it will be covered under the National Health Insurance. The service charge is necessary to offset overhead costs at Belau National Hospital.

Ministry of Health will not deny any person access to COVID-19 testing services due to inability to pay. If a person requires COVID-19 testing at the Belau National Hospital, and is not covered by any insurance and unable to pay, the patient will not be charged.

MOH continues to test individuals with relevant symptoms. If anyone should develop a cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, call your doctor or the BNH Emergency Room at 488-2558 for further guidance. For general information about COVID-19, contact the MOH Hotline at 488-0555.

Thank you.