



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Southern Regional Health Authority refutes claim of unpaid benefits doctors to doctors within the region.

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), which administers public healthcare in Manchester, Clarendon and St. Elizabeth, wishes to categorically refute a claim made on Rodia Jamaica's 5 p.m. news cast on December 26, 2020 that doctors at various health facilities within the region are owed outstanding benefits.

An audio excerpt taken from the President of the Jamaica Medical Doctors Association, Dr Mindi FitzHenley, and played in the news cast stated that: "We have been making some checks throughout all the regions and so far we have been able to confirm that there has been either under payment or nonpayment throughout the South East Regional Health Authority (SERHA), specifically at a few hospitals such as Linstead as well as the National Chest Hospital."

"It does seem to be affecting the Western Regional Health Authority (WRHA) and the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) as well. We are still trying to confirm the issue or if it is extending to hospitals in the North East Region."

To date, the SRHA can confirm that we have not received any reports from health facilities within the region of doctors that are owed outstanding salaries. We would also like to state that matters of such ilk are always dealt with in an efficient and timely manner so as to limit inconvenience to our valued staff members.

We would like to remind the public that the SRHA remains committed to not only the health and safety of the residents within the region, but also to the well being of our staff members at the various facilities.

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