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All Provincial Directors of Health Services, Regional Directors of Health Services, Medical Officers, Maternal & Child Health, Medical Officers of Health, Heads of Institutions,

## Removal of fee for Oral Contraceptive Pills (OCP) & Condoms

In the current context where the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has risen to 2.3 (SL DHS 2006/2007), it is imperative that family planning services needs to be strengthened. In this perspective it has been decided to provide all temporary contraceptive methods free of charge to clients so that acceptance rates would be increased.

Hence, the fee charged for oral contraceptive pills (cents 50) & condoms (cents 5) has been removed with immediate effect.

Therefore, kindly bring to the notice of all service providers, that contraceptive pills and condoms should be issued to clients free of charge.

Sgd. Secretary Ministry of Health

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