

SUPERGOLD CARD HEALTH BENEFIT ANNOUNCED

Rt. Hon Winston Peters

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New Zealand First has pledged to extend the SuperGold card benefits to help meet the health costs of the elderly when it returns to Parliament next year.

Rt Hon Winston Peters told a Grey Power audience in Christchurch this evening that the cost of medical care was a big item for many elderly people and that too many avoided going to the doctor for checkups.

“We will bring in a scheme allied to the SuperGold card that will provide one free health check a year with your GP and we will cap future doctors' visits at ten dollars. The scheme will fit in with those already available in some areas.

“We believe that this policy will actually help reduce the overall cost of health because problems will be picked up before they get serious.”

Mr Peters said there would be other initiatives coming for the elderly and these would be released next year.

He said moving the SuperGold card into healthcare was a logical extension to those benefits available now.

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