



**PRESS RELEASE** 

# **VAKRANGEE LIMITED**

# VAKRANGEE LIMITED (VL) TO FACILITATE REGISTRATIONS FOR 30 DAYS FREE VHEALTH BY AETNA'S VIRTUAL DOCTOR CONSULTATION SERVICE ACROSS 10,000 VAKRANGEE KENDRAS

- People visiting Vakrangee Kendras in remote rural villages and towns for essential services will be supported to register for free 30 days vHealth service, thereby benefitting the unserved and underserved population in rural India.
- People willing to take medical guidance during lockdown can register for vHealth's 30 days free virtual doctor consultation until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020.

Mumbai, April 24, 2020: Vakrangee Limited (VL) to facilitate registrations for vHealth by Aetna's 30 days free virtual doctor consultation service. This initiative will focus on providing free medical guidance to people visiting Vakrangee outlets for essential services. Thereby, ensuring people get all essential services under one roof and minimise their visits to multiple places in the current lockdown situation. Essential services offered at Vakrangee Kendras include virtual doctor consultation, Business Correspondent (BC) banking services, ATM services, online pharmacy, mobile recharges and online shopping of groceries.

Later last month, vHealth by Aetna announced a special initiative of providing free access to its virtual doctor consultation service to help people with access to quality health care during the COVID-19 outbreak. To ensure accessibility, vHealth introduced multiple options to register for its service which includes calling the toll-free number 1800 103 7093, giving a missed call on 9029096186 or by directly visiting <a href="https://www.vhealth.io">www.vhealth.io</a> for online registration. Intending to curtail unnecessary stepping out of home, around 12,000 people have benefited from the free virtual doctor consultation so far during the lockdown. The support extended by Vakrangee will further bring healthcare services within the reach for all through its last-mile network.

Commenting on this initiative, **Mr Dinesh Nandwana**, **Managing Director & Group CEO**, **Vakrangee Ltd**. said, "With 80% of Nextgen outlets in Tier 5 and 6 towns, Vakrangee has made telemedicine services available to its customers in the most remote and hitherto unserved/underserved parts of the country, thereby ensuring the availability of quality health care for all. We are proud to be supporting society during such a crucial crisis of COVID-19 pandemic."

Talking about the initiative, **Dr Sneh Khemka, President of Population Health, Aetna International**, commented, "Teleconsultation is the need of the hour for people to minimise the risk of getting any infection due to the hospital or clinic visits. We are happy to be supporting the community during such trying times where vHealth can be a support for families as their first point of contact for any health requirement."

People can leverage the vHealth video/phone consultation services to evaluate their symptoms for COVID-19, management of chronic conditions, treatment of illnesses, advice on alternate treatment, interpretation of





diagnostic reports and guidance on staying healthy. The free vHealth virtual doctor consultation service will be available for 30 days from the date of registration until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020. People can register and utilise the benefit for up to four family members. The medical consultation service from vHealth doctors is available from Monday to Saturday from 8 AM to 8 PM, except for national holidays.

People can subscribe to vHealth services from Vakrangee's nearest Nextgen Kendra across 30 states and UTs. Nextgen Vakrangee Kendras exclusively offers a comprehensive range of products and services across BFSI, ATM, e-Commerce and logistics.

### **About Vakrangee Limited**

### (BSE Code: 511431; NSE Code: VAKRANGEE)

Incorporated in 1990, Vakrangee is the unique technology driven company focused on building India's largest network of last-mile retail outlets to deliver real-time BFSI, ATM, e-commerce and logistics services to the unserved rural, semi-urban and urban markets. The Assisted Digital Convenience stores are called as "Vakrangee Kendra" which acts as the "One-stop shop" for availing various services and products. Vakrangee currently has 23,000+ (10,000+ Operational & 13,000+ under on-boarding process) which are spread across 30 States & UTs, 500+ districts and 6,150+ postal codes. Vakrangee's planned target is to reach at least 25,000 Nextgen Vakrangee Kendras by 2020 and further enhance it to reach 3,00,000 Nextgen outlets by FY 2024-25.

### **About vHealth by Aetna, India**

vHealth by Aetna is one of India's most innovative preventative and primary care services providers. With a focus on clinical excellence, digital technology and a nationwide network of healthcare partners, vHealth by Aetna provides telephone/video consultations and coordinates the delivery of care to people's homes (tests, medicines, home health care etc.) in addition to providing privileged and discounted access to its vast health partner network spread across 500+ cities. vHealth services are offered in India by Aetna's fully owned subsidiary, Indian Health Organisation Pvt Ltd. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.vhealth.io.">www.vhealth.io.</a>

## **About Aetna Inc., a CVS Health Company**

On November 28, 2018, CVS completed its acquisition of Aetna, establishing CVS Health as the nation's premier health innovation company and marking the start of a new day in health care. A Fortune 8 enterprise, CVS Health are working to transform the consumer health experience and build healthier communities by offering care that is local, easier to use, less expensive and puts consumers at the center of their care. CVS Health's mission is clear: Helping people on their path to better health. For more information see, <a href="https://www.cvshealth.com">www.cvshealth.com</a>

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