The TPA will administer the daily operations of the scheme on behalf of the National Health Insurance Company, similar to the way such health insurance systems are operated worldwide.

AlKhaleej Takaful was selected after an extensive tender earlier in 2012.

The AlKhaleej offer brings the Qatari AlKhaleej Takaful Group, together with global insurance organisation Aetna International and GlobeMed.

"The establishment of the NHIC and the appointment of the TPA today marks another major milestone on the road to launching the scheme," said Dr Faleh.

AlKhaleej Takaful will establish the infrastructure for connecting beneficiaries and providers with the National Health Insurance Company. This includes the claims management systems and call centre.

"As a Qatari national company, Alkhaleej Takaful Group is extremely proud to be part of this prestigious project," said Jassim Al Moftah, CEO of AlKhaleej Takaful Group.