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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

SAPPF welcomes ruling on CoN

"The controversial nearly two-decade old Certificate of Need, the CoN, which would have enabled government to bail doctors where they can practice and under what conditions, has finally been declared unconstitutional," reported MedBriefAfrica (24 June 2022).

Welcoming the judgment, SAPPF CEO Dr Simon Strachan called it a "no-nonsense ruling" that very clearly highlighted the unconstitutionality of the legislation.

"I don't think anybody would deny that more healthcare providers are required in the rural areas but the vehicle to achieve it is not this CoN. If we are going to have healthcare providers going into rural areas, the working conditions have to change to make them more favourable. There should be some level of infrastructure and support and job security and opportunities for families. It is a massive task, but it does start at the ground level to ensure that patients get the healthcare they require," Dr Strachan said.

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Ruling has 'serious implications' for NHI

"The ruling has 'serious implications' for the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI), and the Department of Health will seek a rescission of the judgment and challenge the matter in the Constitutional Court, according to spokesperson Foster Mohale," reported *Business Day* (26 June 2022).

In her ruling Acting Judge Thembu Bokako said that "constitutional requirement cannot be met by depriving those who enjoy access to healthcare services of their existing rights - that is not an improvement of healthcare services - it is only the shuffling of cards already there that will in all likelihood result in the lowering of healthcare quality in an area."

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'No need to wait for NHI to fix health,' say researchers

"There has been real stagnation of health reform efforts while we wait for the NHI Bill, but there are things that can be done now," says Sacha Stevenson, Section 27 head of health. (*Business Day*, 21 June 2022)

According to a report from lobby group Section 27 and Concentric Alliance government does not need to wait for National Health Insurance (NHI) to take steps to improve healthcare. Despite the highly polarised public debate on NHI, the researchers found many areas of consensus among participants.

"The report drew on interviews with 33 participants from a wide range of sectors, including national and provincial government departments, private hospitals, the pharmaceutical industry, medical schemes, trade unions, healthcare workers, academia and the media."

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End of medical schemes?

"Implementing the NHI Bill in SA may imply the end of private medical schemes as we know it. These concerns are highlighted in a new report by Section 27 and the Concentric Alliance," reported *BusinessTech* (21 June 2022)

"One concern raised by participants in the private sector was that Section 33 of the NHI Bill will constrain competition and limit the efficiency of the NHI. They argued that competition is necessary to ensure that the NHI Fund functions well."

Cancer campaigner Dame Deborah James taught the world how to live and how to die

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Securing and growing your legacy
 - By Werner Rossouw, PPS Health Manager



The notion of legacy is often referred to as something of the past. "My late mother's legacy" or "Trump's legacy of zero-tolerance on irregular border crossings".

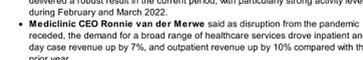
The idea of creating our legacy every day by the choice we make, is inspiring. It encourages us not to be lethargic in our approach to life, love and living. This theme of "taking action" must then also apply to securing the legacy we create.

The Master of the High Court estimates that up to 70% of working South Africans do not have a will. Dwindling life expectancy and most significant, with an ever increasing life expectancy, is a legacy of pride and the certainty that all financial matters have been addressed and dealt with.

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FINANCIAL NEWS



'SA hospital groups healthier and bigger'

Moneyweb reported on 27 May that, according to the latest results from SA's three listed healthcare groups, patient numbers have been increasing steadily from the lows of the Covid-19 pandemic, and they are all expanding to cater for a continuation of the normal increase in demand for quality medical care.

- **Netcare CEO Dr Richard Friedland** said despite the lower volumes of Covid-19 experienced in December 2021 and January 2022, there has been a strong demand for private healthcare services since the fourth wave subsided.
- **Life Healthcare CEO Peter Wharton-Hood** said the acute hospital business delivered a robust result in the current period, with particularly strong activity levels during February and March 2022.
- **Mediclinic CEO Ronnie van der Merwe** said as disruption from the pandemic receded, the demand for a broad range of healthcare services drove inpatient and day case revenue up by 7%, and outpatient revenue up by 10% compared with the prior year.

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Healthy growth for Dis-Chem
Business Day, reported on 24 May 2022 that Dis-Chem's recent acquisitions helped its revenue exceed R30-bn for the first time in its history in its 2022 financial year.

According to CFO Rui Morais, expansion with an eye on additional market share gains continues although Dis-Chem is focusing on getting more out of existing assets by leveraging its brand. In March, the beginning of its 2023 year, the group launched its new range of Dis-Chem branded insurance products, part of a new focus on improving the primary healthcare services it offers. After-tax profit rose by 29.4% to R690-m and total dividend was up by 27.6% to 39.7c per share.

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PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS

SAHPRA **Complementary Medicines: SAHPRA reviews ruling**

In April the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) said it will consult with its legal team following the Supreme Court of Appeal's (SCA) ruling that regulations concerning complementary medicines were invalid.
 - *Cape Times* (20 April 2022)

The regulations introduced a number of obligations to complementary medicines and health supplements including the labelling of containers, furnishing of professional information in hard copy or electronically, providing a patient information leaflet and advertising.

Breakthrough in Covid-19 treatment using African plants

"The University of the Free State (UFS) has made a breakthrough with a potential treatment derived from plants. Known as Phele, the treatment contains extracts from four African plants that have traditionally been used to treat wasting conditions and as energy boosters," reported *Sunday Times* (26 June 2022).

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GENERAL NEWS

Stop disciplinary action against Dr De Maayer, ask health professionals

Business Day reported on 22 June that 137 leading figures in the health sector, including activists, scientists, doctors, academics, former high-ranking Health Department officials and senior executives from private hospital groups have written an open letter to Health Minister Joe Phaahla and Gauteng Premier David Makhura, condemning De Maayer's treatment.

In a Newslash, SAPPF CEO Dr Simon Strachan, encouraged healthcare practitioners to sign the petition: "Let us not be part of the silent majority. It is necessary for us to be heard and for us to do this in union with all our colleagues."

"Dr De Maayer was placed on precautionary suspension earlier this month by Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital CEO Neeloo Makhaya after he wrote an open letter about the deteriorating conditions at the facility and other public hospitals, which he said were contributing to child deaths."

The group asks the establishment of a Public Health Administration Review Committee to reconfigure provincial health departments and devolve more authority to hospital boards and appoint appropriately skilled hospital CEOs and managers.

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'Officials should face the music'

"In article published in *SA Medical Journal* (20 June 2022) Prof David McQuoid-Mason, professor of law at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, said an analysis of the Constitution, the National Health Act, the Children's Act, the Health Professions Act and the rules and guidelines of the Health Professions Council of SA (HPCSA) indicates that De Maayer acted both legally and ethically to protect the child patients at Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital.

Times Live reported: "It appears the functionaries who sought to discipline Dr De Maayer for highlighting problems at the hospital he worked in were guilty of violating the constitution and the relevant legislation affecting children, and should be disciplined."

Hospital teams gear up to deliver remote, at-home, vital-sign monitoring

In January **BizCommunity** reported that a new innovation, hospital-at-home (HAH), could help the healthcare industry to cope with Covid-19 related problems, such as a lack of resources, bed capacity and healthcare workers being stretched beyond capacity.

"HAH allows patients, who would otherwise be admitted into a general ward in a hospital, to heal from home instead, with 24-hour remote vital-sign monitoring and active clinical intervention from their treating doctor."

"From a medical scheme point of view, HAH and remote monitoring services are now starting to be covered from a patient's hospital plan benefit, with a shorter duration of treatment needed for HAH patients."

B·H·F **BHF seeks go-ahead for price talks**

"The Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF) is once again seeking an exemption from the Competition Act's prohibition on collective bargaining, arguing that letting medical schemes and healthcare providers negotiate prices will boost competition and benefit consumers," reported *Business Day* (29 June 2022).

"The BHF's head of benefit and risk, Rajesh Patel, said it wanted to return to a system that had been in play until 2003, when it published tariff guidelines informed by industry-wide negotiations."

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Services neglected as Covid-19 was prioritised **Health experts urge State to tighten tobacco laws**

Presenting the Health Budget in Parliament Health Minister Dr Joe Phaahla said the Department will now focus on the recovery of comprehensive health services, as some of these services took a back seat to the more pressing Covid-19 pandemic. - *TimesLive* (2 June 2022)

This will include catching up on delayed surgical procedures, the treatment of people with HIV and TB and the improvement of the quality of service in its health facilities in line with previous aspirations and targets.

The Department's budget allocation for this financial year is R64.5-bn, of which 86% would be transferred to provinces as conditional grants to support a number of programmes.

Public health experts have urged the government to revise its plans to tighten tobacco control, following the results of SA's 2021 **Global Adult Tobacco Survey** (GATS). The survey, done by the Medical Research Council (MRC), found that 29% of South Africans either smoke or use smokeless tobacco products; 41.7% of men and 17.9% of women use tobacco products, and that 18% of adults were exposed to tobacco smoke inside their homes. - *Business Day* (1 June 2022).

A draft bill with measures to regulate e-cigarettes and other new-generation products was published for comment in 2018, but the updated version has yet to be submitted to parliament or approved by the Cabinet.

SPECIAL NEWS

Clinicians as second victims of medical errors: Why they need help

Medical errors and adverse events don't occur in a vacuum. Multiple contributing factors can lead to patient safety incidents (PSIs) - many of them beyond the control of individual clinicians or other treating health professionals.

However, when things go wrong and patients are harmed or die, it is usually the healthcare professionals (HCPs) who get the blame and feel responsible, leaving many of them with feelings of guilt, depression, inadequacy, anger and failure, even if it was not their fault.

Emphasising that healthcare institutions and employers have a moral obligation to provide care to second victims, Dr Brenda Kubheka from IQ Consulting made an impassioned plea at a recent online symposium on Healthcare Incident Investigations for measures to be put in place to safeguard, guide and support workers when things go wrong.

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