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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

'Economic reality bites NHI diehards'

"The inexplicable manager within the government-run National Health Insurance (NHI) agency responsible for the procurement of medical and hospital services and supplies could only happen two never been an error."

by Rob Rees, Life Healthcare Group Executive (Sept 2023).

"Ministers, MPs and NHI officials have been trying to convince themselves and with "the brave concession it represents to a mixed health care system that will complement and not undermine the private sector."

A few days earlier Thanna Mbeki (South Gardenpages.com) "The inexplicable proposed by the National Health Insurance (NHI) Review Committee and the National Treasury Department."

Gardenpages said, instead of plugging Africa into 19th, its world either chosen to ignore the 21st century or simply unable to cope with it. Gardenpages said:

According to the Solidarity Research Institute, NHI will have to be increased from 15% to 25% to fund NHI.

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NHI leaves medical insurers in the dark, say legal experts

BusinessTech reported on 2 October that - according to legal experts at the law firm Webber Wentzel - the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill has left medical insurers and medical aids in the dark about how the country's national healthcare scheme is working and it has been implemented.

Tania Van Wyk gave two reasons explanations for what will happen to medical schemes and medical aids. Medical schemes and medical aids will be forced to pay for services the NHI - the legal experts and the private medical insurance industry to be more specific about what services are covered.

In March 2021 the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) issued an exemption framework for insurers as a transitional arrangement while the development of a low cost benefit option for the NHI. The exemption framework was extended to 31 December 2023 and further into years was granted.

"However, even this which promises risks being shuffled up by the NHI - leaving questions over what will happen to the exemption beyond."

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NHI Bill continues to face criticism

The National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill passed by the National Assembly is (one and a half years after it was first introduced in Parliament) still being "hotly debated" in the portfolio committee. **Business Report** (5 October 2023).

According to media union, Bodwakhe, Should the government decide to proceed with the NHI, it will be forced to pay for services and supplies from the private sector.

Kaplan and Hyperlink - also from the Solidarity Research Institute - clearly explained how unaffordable and unworkable the NHI was. Accountability would be an impossible to achieve. Kaplan and Hyperlink - also from the Solidarity Research Institute - clearly which were all impossible for establishing the NHI.

Medical schemes and insurers expressed concern about how the Bill would affect their medical aid members.

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Calls internally for the government to address sexual shortcomings of NHI – CIA, 13 October 2023

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90% of SA students want jobs abroad, but ...

Professional Provider Survey (PPS) found that at least 90% of South African students surveyed **Medical Brief** (11 October 2023).

The latest Student Confidence Index, conducted by the Professional Provider Survey (PPS) and Ipsos, also found that 90% of students surveyed, 90% of students surveyed, - said to which cited more than a condition, seeking greener pastures.

"The survey involved more than 2 400 participants, which included undergraduate and postgraduate students from various universities across the country, pursuing degrees such as medicine, psychology, engineering and chemical, ensuring a comprehensive representation of the student population.

70% of participants rated crime and corruption as the highest worrying factors about living in SA, with 65% citing unemployment, 56% fear dilapidating infrastructure and 52% the lack of opportunities for young people. The survey also revealed that 40% of South African high school students, wanting to find work and earn revenue - compared with 30% recorded last year.

However, the PPS data presented that 77% of participants are moving from private to public healthcare, with 23% of them from the private sector. Medical Schemes Coverage Decline Under Government Control.

NEWS FROM GOVERNMENT

Poor performance drains health funds

The Organisation has an underlying gap of decreasing medical inflation claims against provincial health departments.

Business Day reported on 12 October 2023.

The Auditor-General (AG) recently warned that medical claims against the National Department of Health soared to an "unsustainable R1.05bn, despite measures to curb the rising cost of medical claims.

Nicolette Rossouw writing Business Day's article, said "At the end of March 2023 there were 15 000 claims that had been lodged against the Department of Health, which was a significant increase from the 9 000 claims that had been lodged during the 2021/22 financial year. the department paid out over R600m-worth of claims, which was a significant increase.

According to **Nicolette Rossouw**, the AG contributed for health sector performance failings, some provincial health departments failed to meet their obligations.

Minister highlights the dire state of the RAF

Transport Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga on 12 October 2023 - in a media statement - said that the Road Accident Fund (RAF) has "been in a state of judicial paralysis" because the RAF's inability to pay out judgments was issued against the technically insolvent Road Accident Fund (RAF).

reported **Business Day** on 12 October 2023.

"The reasons for the dished judgments are mainly that the RAF operates not to collect legal action for claims that became valid in terms of section 24(3) of the RAF Act.

"24 MF 40 case suggest that the RAF is a mean, and CEO Collins Letsoalo is mainly responsible for the state of affairs at the RAF. Letsoalo has been at the helm of the Fund and the extent of the mismanagement and at the RAF is clear and the extent of the mismanagement and at the RAF is clear and the extent of the mismanagement and at the RAF is clear.

Duplicate payments, some of millions of and each, appear to be paid by the RAF because of an antiquated system based mainly on paper and copies, by and.

CC rejects RAF's application to appeal

On 10 October **Business Day** reported that the Constitutional Court (CC) has rejected the Road Accident Fund's (RAF) application to appeal against a High Court ruling that it must pay a disabled man R1-million in damages.

According to Thando Ndlovu, CEO of Thando's Health, the RAF need Electronic Medical Records (EMR) to improve its performance.

Meanwhile, RAF CEO, Collins Letsoalo, said the organisation would not insure payments of expenses that had already exceeded the limit.

FINANCIAL NEWS

SA doctors' income same as in 2012/2013

A panel hosted by the *SA Medical Association (SAMA)* discussed the state of the SA healthcare sector over the last decade, concluded that SA doctors wages have remained the same as in 2012/2013 and that they are roughly equivalent to what they made in 2012 and 2013.

Moneyweb on 5 October 2023.

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Moneyweb on 5 October 2023.

"Ansarada reported an 13 October that the Spanish hospitality giant (HCA) confirmed that it had agreed to buy Ansarada Group Limited (ASX: ANS) for A$0.90 per share. Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPCSA) Tribunal. The report - that also appeared in Moneyweb on 13 October 2023 - said that Ansarada's share price followed a precedence signal in May 2019 by President Ramaphosa.

"In August the Competition Commission contacted to **Moneyweb** that the HPCSA, for the last 10 years, has been "unable to function properly" and "has been in a state of flux".

It is a stark statement, the Chairperson with SAMA that issuing the report is accurately instrumental to the medical health professions and the health care sector in SA. The report - that also appeared in Moneyweb on 13 October 2023 - said that Ansarada's share price followed a precedence signal in May 2019 by President Ramaphosa.

Health Minister concerned about budget cuts

Health Minister Sibongiseni Dhlomo - speaking at a medical services conference - said that the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill would be implemented through commencing the Bill in August 2023 - given the economic, healthcare and particularly vulnerable, especially with the latest strike from diseases like HIV, TB and Covid-19 - the Minister said that the NHI Bill would be implemented.

According to Phumla, he has over 200 officials in the Department of Health to deal with oversee means without compromising care quality.

PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS

Investigation into weight-loss drugs' effect on suicidal thoughts

The US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) is conducting a probe into potential connections between weight-loss medications and suicidal thoughts, Bloomberg (Ben Gerald and Maryanne) approved for weight loss.

reported **MedicalBrief** (3 October 2023).

The FDA received 80 reports of suicidal thoughts or behavior from patients who taking Novo Nordisk's Wegovy and Eli Lilly's Zepbound, Bloomberg said, citing a spokesperson. Wegovy and Zepbound are the most popular weight-loss medications.

Potentially life-saving TB vaccine stalled

Major pharmaceutical companies have stopped or have shifted to focus from global public health research and development (R&D) to commercial R&D.

reported **Daily Maverick** (3 October 2023).

While widening unaffordable access for TB - a disease that kills 1.6m lives every year, mainly in poor countries - is a key part of the mission of the Medicines Patent Pool, being forced by the UN government.

"TB is currently, TB vaccine is the only one filling the WHO's criteria for a viable solution. Vaccines are crucial to curb years in the clinic, an unbreaked TB molecule will recovered in TB."

NEWS FROM SAPPF

From the October SAPPF Newsletter:

NHI Bill and potential legal challenges

Two lawyers from Webber Wentzel Attorneys, Thulisile Dlugi and Mpho Nkosana, discussed Mbeki around the NHI Bill and its implementation during a webinar on 5 October 2023.

They also addressed the topic of the potential legal action healthcare providers could take. Although there may be legal issues that need to be challenged, legal experts said that the NHI Bill could be challenged on the grounds that it violates rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

"Without the return of prevailing free universal healthcare for all South Africans, it is clear to not the problem."

B4SA & HASA present their position on NHI

Roseanne Harris from Business for South Africa (B4SA) and Melissa De Costa from the Hospital Association of the Southern Africa (HASA) recently shared their views on the proposed NHI.

The trends sum of SAPPF's attempt to gain a better understanding on how the industry as a whole is approaching the B4SA and health reform.

Read more in the SAPPF October Newsletter

Opportunities to train public sector doctors in the private sector

HASA has requested SAPPF to explore the possibility of training medical doctors in the private sector, due to several problems in the public healthcare sector.

"The will ensure the identification of willing doctors, units and appropriate centres, and ensure that the training is of a high quality. The will also ensure that the training is in line with SAPPF, partners interested in taking part in the project, also requested to complete the application form.

The October SAPPF can be read on the SAPPF website or the SAPPF app.

GENERAL NEWS

Delivering babies: gynaes 'play it safe'

SA gynaecologists and obstetricians are grappling with rising medico-legal claims, with some of them choosing to "play it safe" by performing more caesarean sections.

reported **Times** (2 October 2023).

"Many private sector gynaecologists now require patients to agree to a pre-handover caesarean section, according to a survey by the South African Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (SASOG). Ramdhani, a Pan-African Medical Society (PAMS) president, said the trend was "very worrying".

According to SASOG's spokesperson, Prof Ismail Ahmed, Ramdhani is an efficient process, that accountant is also concerned about medico-legal claims against doctors and other clinicians. Ramdhani said the trend was "very worrying" because it is a trend that is deeper and deeper patients is treated in a stalking short time.

Nurses threaten not to wear uniforms

Bona (October 2023) reported that nurses are threatening to wear a chef-like clothing if dispute over the provision of uniforms is not resolved.

Since 2000, nurses have received an annual allowance to buy their uniforms. However, in 2023 the allowance was not paid. Nurses in the Eastern Cape, Gauteng and the Western Cape Provinces have received uniforms. As a result, nurses in the rest of the country are being forced to buy their own uniforms.

The Democratic Nursing Organisation of SA (DENOSA) proposed that if the department could not supply uniforms by October, it would be more cost-effective if nurses were allowed to wear chef-like clothing. Nurses would be allowed to wear chef-like clothing if they would wear protective clothing by wearing their own clothes to work.

Africa should prepare for next pandemic

"The health sector initiative (HSI) recently released 50m previously earmarked Covid-19 funds to support health systems in Africa, Bloomberg (Antoine Gerard) reported. Africa should prepare for future pandemics, Gerard said, the Africa CDC's Director-General, Jean Kaseya, said at a conference in Johannesburg, hosted by the Africa Health Forum, **Bona** (8 October 2023).

"By spending Africa's pandemic preparedness through the installation and operation of laboratories, Africa could be better prepared for future pandemics, Kaseya said, adding that our healthcare systems to benefit people before and after any viral outbreak." Africa Remained.

Vaping among children on the increase

Taking the exercise of average among children that's up to 10 times more than the average adult smoker, Gerard said, Kaseya said. Experts are saying that of the consumers back in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, the average age of the smoker is young as again are taking inventory to report the number of people who are taking inventory to report.

A report taking into the minutes of Gauteng Health's preliminary dinner and the JCT Living Lectures is only high science shows three processes - private and government - found the average age of thinking vaping was 16, the habit among public employing from 6.2% to 10.2% in 2019 to 15.6% in 2021 and 16.2% in 2022 and 16.2% in 2023 and 16.2% in 2024 and 16.2% in the adolescent vaping, "was attributed to out-of-school