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FOCUS ON NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

NHI: New Developments/More of the Same?

Quotes from Experts/Newspapers

Chief Economist Financial Mail 22 July 2022:
"The NHI Bill is a wish list of the ruling party's ideologues and bureaucrats of the state. It is not the skillful work of people who know how public healthcare actually works."
"NHI is a distinct, Russian-style, Stalin-era, planned economy approach to healthcare. It is not the work of people who know how healthcare works in the real world, and it is not the work of people who want to make healthcare better for the poor and the rest of us."

Dale Cameron The Witness 29 July 2022:
"Medical practitioners have been given a deadline of January by the NHI press office to sort this, failed agencies administered the pandemic **[illegible]** of the vaccine roll-out, and now are being given the responsibility of the roll-out of the biggest state-run healthcare scheme in South Africa."

Chronic Conditions Sunday Times 24 July 2022:
"Dr Ramaphosa's National Health Insurance (NHI) bill raises alarms that there will be no improvements to healthcare quality in South Africa, in fact, the opposite is true. Medical experts say the bill will lead to a further decline in healthcare quality."

Economists Director Financial Mail 22 July 2022:
"At the heart, NHI is just a scheme to shift resources from the private sector into the state sector, and to redistribute healthcare resources from the rich to the poor."
"Nothing in the bill suggests that **[illegible]** **Prof Max Lu and Marion Tracey**, Sunday Times 24 July 2022:

The Monitor - Newsletter
"The NHI bill is a bad piece of paper and bad policy wrapped in a bad piece of paper. It is a bad piece of paper because it is vague, and the wrapping of bad policy is bad because it is not based on evidence, and it is not based on evidence because it is bad policy. It is bad because it is NHI and increases in personal income tax around an average of 25 percent are bad."

Mary-Jane Morris - Sunday Times
"There are many possible ways to improve our health care system. Some of them are simple and cheap. Some are complex and costly. Some are both. Some are neither. Some are a bit of both."

Bill Leighton and **Jeff Lang** - The Citizen 22 November 2021:
"The NHI Bill is a bad piece of legislation. It is not fit for purpose. It is not necessary, nor is it desirable. It will not achieve its stated objectives. It will be a disaster for the country."

Dr Mark Sonnenberg - Sunday Times 24 July 2022:
Pa gang to take years, Daily Maverick 28 November 2021:
"Pa gang's plan to take over the private healthcare sector in South Africa is ambitious, shocking and implemented in bad healthcare services in the Western Cape. Its roots are in the ANC and strategies for the to gang to take over. - **Tim Harrison**

NHI Legislation

Ongoing News

Voting postponed to 2 December

On Wednesday, 2 December, the National Assembly will vote on the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill, which passed the Portfolio Committee on Health and Social Development on 29 November 2022 by a majority of 14 votes to 12.
NHI is based from - **Medical Brief** 30 July 2022:
This follows the Portfolio Committee on Health's adoption of the NHI Bill's recent approval of the Amendment Bill, which is its amendments:

- **To another glimpse of hope that the Bill could be amended. Pius Cant**
- **Amendments to the National Health Act, 2013 (Act No. 61 of 2013) - Tim Harrison**

NCOP adopts NHI Bill without changes

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Amendments to the National Health Act, 2013 (Act No. 61 of 2013) - Tim Harrison
NCOP has adopted the controversial NHI Bill without amendments - Tim Harrison
Business Day 27 May 2022:

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) has adopted the NCOP amended from the National Assembly on June 15. The Western Cape's lawyers for an extension on the deadline for the submission of its response to the NHI Bill, which is the Western Cape, of the provinces needs to have, in the Western Cape, of the provinces needs to have, in the Western Cape, of the provinces needs to have, in