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## Media Statement

### DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF GUIDELINE TARIFFS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES ANNOUNCED

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Pretoria – The President of the **Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)** Professor Mochichi Sam Mokgokong has announced a delay in the publication of the new Guideline Tariffs.

“The delay in the publication was due to consideration of the reaction of the practitioners on the Tariff Guidelines, accusations of the HPCSA determining the Tariff Guidelines without regard to the input of the practitioner organisations affected, the institution of legal action against HPCSA by affected practitioner organisations should the Guideline Tariffs be publicised in the Government Gazette, and the risk of destabilising health care delivery in the country,” said Professor Mokgokong.

The halting of the process of publication of the Tariff Guidelines in the Government Gazette will ensure the matter of the Tariff Guidelines is placed on the agenda of the HPCSA Council meeting, which will be held on 3 September 2012 and allow the HPCSA Tariff Committee to make a full presentation of the matter to the Council, explained Prof Mokgokong “This delay will allow the South African Medical Association (SAMA) and South African Dental Association (SADA) and South African Private Practitioner’s Forum (SAPPF) representatives to put their views directly to the Council and provide the Council with the opportunity to adjudicate on the matter and to craft the way forward.”

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#### **About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) is a statutory body and is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality healthcare standards for all.

The Council is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to registration, education and training, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and indirectly the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions with which Council is concerned.

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