

## NHI White Paper: Day 6

**This is the sixth in a series of daily analysis pieces of the NHI White Paper that will be sent to SAPPF- and HealthMan Members. Different aspects of the NHI will be analysed on a daily basis, which will help to assist providers in understanding how the NHI initiative will impact the private provider and their practice, as well as the impact on their own access to healthcare. Some broader economic impacts will also be included on occasion.**

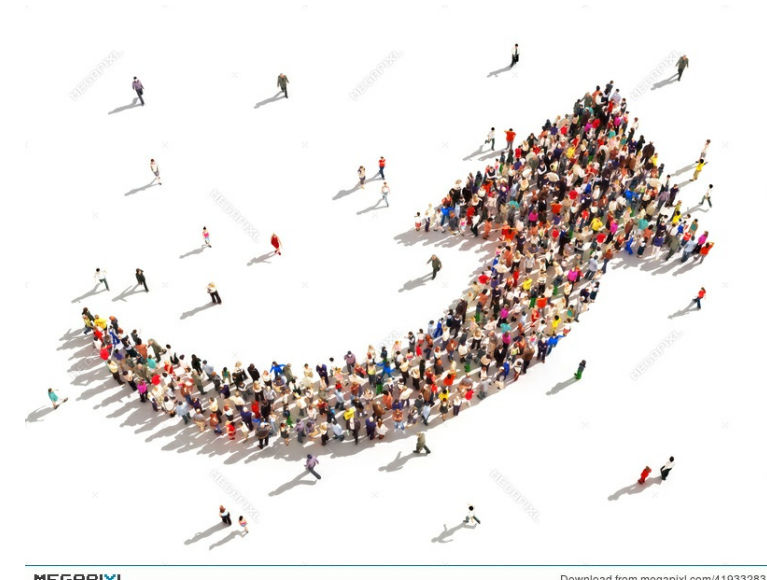
### Extract from the White Paper

Services purchased from private specialists will initially be reimbursed using a capped case based fee adjusted for complexity where [sic]. This will be continuously reviewed taking into account access and budget impact assessment.

NHI will pay a uniform reimbursement strategy and there will be no balanced or split billing under NHI. The NHI Fund in consultation with the Minister will determine its own pricing and reimbursement mechanisms. Providers who wish to contract with the NHI Fund must comply with the stipulated pricing and reimbursement mechanisms.

### Critical Analysis

This could lead to a situation where budgetary constraints could lead to reduction in fees paid to private specialists in the duration of any given year. Providers will not be able to charge co-payments to make up any shortfalls in funding, as the contracting mechanism will prohibit this.



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