

NHI White Paper: Day 25

This is the twenty fifth in a series of daily analysis pieces of the NHI Policy 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

Extract from Healthcare in South Africa 2017/18 (by Lizz Still):

Table 10.2
Expenditure (per head, District and Local Government, calculation based on uninsured people)

	2012/2013 3 Rands	2013/2014 4 Rands	2014/2015 5 Rands	2015/2016 6 Rands	Average Annual Increase
Average expenditure in NHI Pilots	1367	1473	1589	1727	8.1%
Average Expenditure in Provinces	1327	1509	1618	1639	7.4%

Critical Analysis

The average expenditure per person in the NHI districts was higher than in the Provinces as a whole. The average increases have also been above inflation for the same period.

Despite the increases in the Pilot Districts being higher than the provinces, health outcomes in the Pilot Districts are still below that of the Provinces, as measured by Maternal Mortality rates and Immunisation coverage.

Maternal Mortality is 130.5/100 000 in the pilot districts, compared to 119.1 in the provinces. Immunisation coverage is lower in the NHI Pilots at 85.6% of 1 year olds, compared to 89.2% of 1 year olds in provinces.

Despite higher spend, health outcomes are worse in the NHI Pilots.

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