



NHI Draft Bill Daily Analysis

The NHI Draft Bill was published in Government Gazette 41725 on 21 June 2018. The South African Private Practitioners' Forum will be sharing an analysis of the Draft NHI Bill with members, highlighting issues of importance and concern.

NHI Draft Bill – Day 12 Excerpt from the Draft Bill

Benefits Advisory Committee

25 (1) The Minister, after consultation with the National Health Council, may establish a committee to be known as the Benefit Advisory Committee.

(2) The members of the Benefit Advisory Committee must be appointed by the Minister and consists of following persons:

- (a) All heads of medical schools in the country,
- (b) one member seconded by the World Health Organisation,
- (c) nine members, one each nominated by the provincial departments of health,
- (d) one member nominated by the Council on Medical Schemes and
- (e) two members nominated by the hospital association or similar body representing the private hospitals

(5) The Benefits Advisory Committee must determine and review-

- (b) detailed and cost-effective treatment guidelines that take into account the emergence of new technologies; and
- (c) in consultation with the Minister and the Board, the health service benefits.

Analysis

The Benefit advisory committee, in his format, would be possible to constitute without a single medical doctor serving on the structure. It testifies of poor structural design that a committee that determines treatment guidelines and health service benefits does not have a mandatory medical doctor in the committee.