



## 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 10 Excerpt from the Draft Bill

#### The NHI Board

“(5) A Board member is appointed for a term not exceeding five years, which is renewable once, and must -

(a) be a fit and proper person;

(b) have appropriate technical expertise, skills and knowledge or experience, including health care financing, health economics, public health planning, monitoring and evaluation, law, labour, actuarial sciences, information technology and communication;”

### Analysis

#### **Under the new Medical Schemes Amendment Bill, Medical Scheme Trustees must-**

“as a minimum, include a

- qualified and experienced lawyer;
- a member who practices or had practiced as a chartered accountant or
- certified financial accountant
- a medical practitioner; and
- a member holding a tertiary qualification in business management or business administration, or both those disciplines”

It is extremely concerning that Medical Schemes, who manage a considerably smaller budget than the NHI fund has governance requirements with much stricter qualification requirements than is expected of the members of the NHI Board, which will effectively be responsible for administering 95% of healthcare spend in South Africa. This points to severe weakness in the Technical requirements for Board Members of the NHI Fund, which in turn, lends the fund to governance concerns even before it is established.