



## 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 18 (final) Excerpt from the Draft Bill



#### (4) Objectives that must be achieved in Phase 2 include-

(h) the initiation of legislative reforms in order to enable the introduction of National Health Insurance, including changes to the -

- (i) National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003);
- (ii) Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act No.17 of 2002);
- (iii) Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act, 1973 (Act No. 78 of 1973);
- (iv) Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No.56 of 1974);
- (v) Traditional Health Practitioners Act, 2007 (Act No. 22 of 2007);
- (vi) Allied Health Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 63 of 1982);
- (vii) Dental Technicians Act,1979 (Acton. 19 of 1979);
- (viii) Medical Schemes Act,1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998);
- (ix) Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965);
- (x) Nursing Act, 2005 (Act No. 33 of 2005); and
- (xi) various Provincial Health Acts.

## Analysis

A number of these Legislative changes are included in the NHI Bill as it was published, with some additional changes to the Competition Act, the Road Accident Fund Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Correctional Services Act. Quite a number of bulk changes to these pieces of legislation included in the NHI Bill, were very poorly drafted. Some places refer the National Health Insurance Act, some to the National Health Insurance Fund Act and some references even omit the word "Act", when referring to the NHI Act.

**Although SAPPF has gone to some effort to raise issues of importance as it pertains to the NHI Bill, members are encouraged to read the Bill in its totality and think about the practical implications of the content, in order to form an educated opinion on the potential impact on the way you practice medicine.**