



**RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
OF SOUTH AFRICA**

*The Professional Association of Radiologists  
in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe*

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The Minister of Health  
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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

**NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SOUTH AFRICA - TOWARDS UNIVERSAL  
HEALTH COVERAGE**

The Radiological Society of South Africa (RSSA) is the representative body for radiologists in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe and represents radiologists in both private practice and State service. The RSSA applauds and supports the Minister in his efforts to achieve universal funding for, and access to, healthcare for all South Africa's citizens.

The RSSA has an active subcommittee specifically formed to consider NHI and interface with Government. This has been active since 2013 and chaired by Dr Tebogo Hlabangana.

The RSSA is presently in a position to use its resources in private practice to provide reporting services to the State to assist with the massive backlog of unreported imaging done in State hospitals.

The RSSA supports a number of the initiatives proposed under the White paper and in particular sees Public Private Partnerships as being the most effective vehicle for its successful introduction. In addition, the professional management of resources, a zero-tolerance approach to corruption and an equitable and fair approach to accreditation and licensing of private practices will be required.

The RSSA also supports the provision of quality services and in this regard acknowledges the important functions of the Office of Health Standards Compliance.

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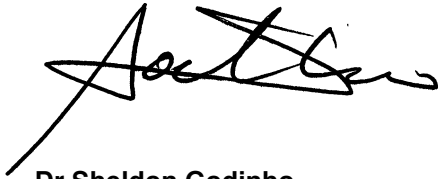
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Rather than seeking to engage, at least at this early stage, in a line-by-line analysis which is likely to be counter-productive, the RSSA urges the Minister to facilitate the involvement of the RSSA in crafting those aspects of the NHI that relate to radiology, (for example paragraph 5.3.3) to ensure a mutually beneficial outcome.

The RSSA and its NHI subcommittee may be contacted through our offices.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Godinho', written in a cursive style.

**Dr Sheldon Godinho**  
**President**  
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