

The NHI Bill in its current form will NOT achieve UHC

What can I do?

Be the voice of the citizen

- Comment and participate in the public hearings
- Be part of your health committee
- Take ownership of your health
- Have open and honest conversations, and build good relationships with your facility
- Be empowered to maintain wellness and prevent disease before it happens
- Share innovative ways to improve the health system



Comment on the NHI Bill.

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Will the current NHI Bill achieve Universal Health Coverage?



We all agree



Our country believes that **access to healthcare is a human right**. This means every single one of us is entitled to receive healthcare. It should not depend on how rich we are or where we happen to live. **The right to obtain healthcare is written into our Constitution.**

What we want



What is Universal Health Coverage?

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) is achieved when all people who need health services (promotion, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation) have **access to quality care**, without undue financial hardship.



- **Quality**- healthcare at an acceptable standard. Patients are able to achieve health gains.
- **Access**- all people have reasonable access to health services. There is adequate coverage of health services.
- **Affordability**- Healthcare does not result in financial difficulty or distress.

What is NHI?

National Health Insurance (NHI) is **LINKED** to Universal Health Coverage (UHC), but not exactly the same thing

NHI is a funding instrument

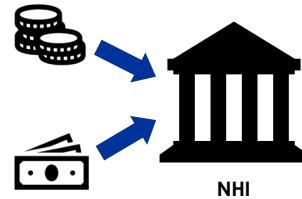
- It's the same as an insurance policy like OUTsurance or a medical fund like Discovery.
- You pay money into the fund, and the fund buys medical care.

Do we need NHI?

- The important thing to understand, is to achieve Universal Health Coverage, you need a sound workable funding mechanism, which NHI will attempt to do.

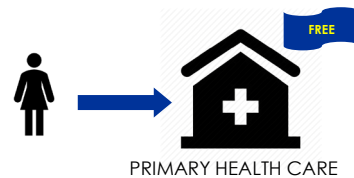
What is in the current NHI bill?

- The NHI Bill seeks to establish the National Health Insurance Fund of South Africa (NHI Fund), outlining its duties, functions and powers.
- It further provides for the **CONTROL** of the NHI Fund by a Board.
- The aim is to move towards UHC



What does the NHI Fund do?

- The fund will be a single purchaser and single payer of health care services.
- The fund will purchase services ie: central purchasing such as medicines which are currently done centrally
- The Western Cape currently purchases contracts for 16 000 items and makes use of contracted NGO's, etc.



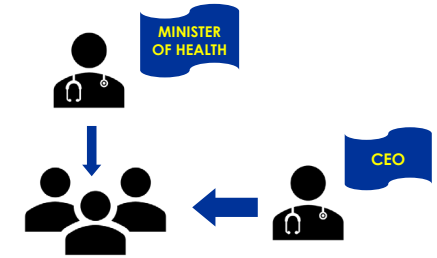
The NHI and access to healthcare (ACCESS)

- Users must enter at the PHC level, and follow referral pathways.
- Treatment will only be funded if it is deemed necessary, cost effective and is included in the formulary.
- The NHI Bill does not provide information on the package of services/benefits that the NHI will cover.



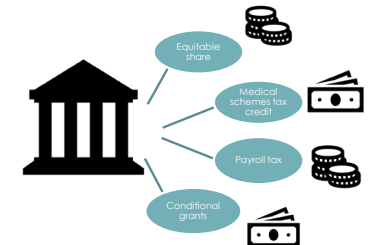
Where is the power vested?

- The NHI fund will be **governed** by the NHI Board, accountable to the National Minister of Health.
- The 11 Board members will be appointed by the Minister of Health.
- A CEO will be the administrative head accountable to the Board, takes all decisions related to rights of users; establish an Investigating Unit



Management of the NHI Fund

- A CEO will be the administrative head of the NHI Fund
- Accountable to the Board,
- Takes all decisions related to rights of users
- Responsible for all income and expenditure

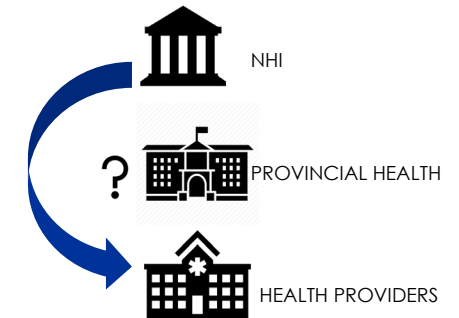


NHI Fund

- The total NHI Fund will ultimately be more than R500billion
- Provinces will lose its equitable share to the Fund

The role of provinces in the NHI bill?

- Province will only have 3 functions;
 - Emergency medical services and forensic pathology services.
 - Environmental and pollution control services.
 - Health and medical services during provincial disasters.



What will the Western Cape NOT control?

- Central Hospitals within provinces will report directly to the National Department of Health.
- The Fund will contract directly with health service providers e.g. general practitioners, private hospitals, regional hospitals, as well as district management teams and private providers.

Areas of concern

- Quality and access will be impacted
- Fragmented services/split between PHC and Hospitals
- Accountability to citizens not clear
- To whom will Aunt Sarah complain?
- Provincial Parliament's role unclear
- A range of provincial health functions are withdrawn