

[Druginfo] MoH - NHI or bust, even if that scuppers the GNU ▸ Inbox x



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Hi all

It is worth citing section 33 in full:

33. Once National Health Insurance has been fully implemented as determined by the Minister through regulations in the Gazette, medical schemes may only offer complementary cover to services not reimbursable by the Fund.

The criteria to be used to determine when NHI has been "fully implemented" have yet to be outlined, let alone formalised in regulations.

A cavalier attitude to the need to ensure the constitutionality of all legislation is not helpful, but the frustration felt by those who see opposition as unwarranted is heartfelt.

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Regards
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Medical aids are out under the NHI - even if it means the end of the GNU

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\* Section 33 of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Act - the part that says medical aids in their current form will be scrapped, as they won't be allowed to cover the same services as the NHI - won't change.

\* That's the case even if it means the end of the government of national unity, says Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi.

\* But the Act could be adapted to allow everyone - including asylum seekers and undocumented migrants - to get HIV treatment.

Section 33 of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Act - the part that says medical aids in their current form will be scrapped, as they won't be allowed to cover the same services as the NHI - is staying as is, even if it costs South Africa its government of national unity (GNU), Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi told Bhekisisa.