

Media statement - BUSA meets with Government to discuss NHI Act

Johannesburg, 18 September 2024 – On Tuesday, BUSA leadership met with the President, the Minister and Deputy Minister of Health, and senior officials from the Presidency and the Department of Health to discuss the NHI Act.

BUSA is encouraged by Government's openness to engage on the substantive concerns raised by Business regarding the NHI Act.

At the President's request, BUSA will prepare a proposal detailing solutions to address its concerns as a basis for further engagement with Government. BUSA's primary objective is to render the NHI Act workable, affordable, and implementable, while advancing universal health coverage and ensuring an equitable healthcare system for all.

Business, healthcare providers and a wide range of stakeholders have consistently supported the goal of universal health coverage, but have raised concerns about the NHI Act's potential impact on healthcare, taxpayers, the economy, and investor confidence.

BUSA remains committed to working with government and stakeholders to shape a solution that serves the best interests of all South Africans through partnership, collaboration, and transparent dialogue.

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