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**THE
HEALTHCARE
PUZZLE**
integrating
healthcare



Plotting the Legislative Pathway to NHI

What we know:

1. Specific legislation for the NHI Fund
2. Existing legislation to be changed including –
 - 2.1 The National Health Act
 - 2.2 The Mental Health Care Act
 - 2.3 The Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act
 - 2.4 The Health Professions Act
 - 2.5 The Traditional Health Practitioners Act
 - 2.6 The Allied Health Professions Act
 - 2.7 The Dental Technicians Act
 - 2.8 The Medical Schemes Act
 - 2.9 Medicines and Related Substances Act
 - 2.10 The Provincial Health Acts
 - 2.11 The Nursing Act



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What else we know:

“There are many other pieces of legislation across all spheres of Government that may be impacted upon by the introduction of NHI. These will be identified as the NHI Act as promulgated. The NHI Bill, amendments to the National Health Act and the Medical Schemes Act will be prioritized during this second phase of implementation.”
(paragraph 333 of the White Paper)



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Legislative process contemplated in the White Paper:

1. NHI Fund Act
2. NHI Act
3. Statutory changes and regulatory support
4. Governance structures as at 7 July 2017
5. National Health Act No. 61 of 2003
6. Medical Schemes Act No. 131 of 1998



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Process for legislative change

Development phase: 2017 to 2022



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What we don't know:

1. The scope and ambit of the NHI Fund Bill and NHI Bill
2. Consequential amendments to existing legislation and regulations
3. Existing structures including statutory councils, the OHSC and the National Public Health Institute of South Africa
4. Certificate of Need
5. Benefit design
6. Interim structures contemplated in the White Paper to be “established prior to the finalisation of the NHI Legislation” (paragraph 318 of the White Paper)
7. Missing the deadline



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Vigilance and Public Participation



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