

Dear Valued Practitioner

The **Medical Schemes Amendment Bill** unveiled by Health Minister Motsoaledi, seeks to align the existing **Medical Schemes Act** with the National Health Insurance White Paper and the National Health Insurance Bill. The Bill has been **published** for comment. Practitioners are reminded of the importance of **Continuing Professional Development** (CPD) which is also a key requirement of HPCSA licensure.

The **Optometry and Dispensing Opticians Board** has **withdrawn nominations** for an expert to its Education Committee and the **Dental Assisting, Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene Board** cautions against teeth whitening **procedures** performed by unregistered practitioners.

South African practitioners step up with **cross-border initiatives** and projects towards malaria elimination in Southern Africa.

As always, we welcome your **feedback**. Enjoy the read!

The HPCSA Team

Amendments to the Medical Schemes Act

Minister Aaron Motsoaledi took another step toward the introduction of the National Health Insurance (NHI) with the amendments to the **Medical Schemes Act** aimed at aligning the Act with the envisaged financing system providing essential healthcare for all South African citizens. **Read more**

Withdrawal of nominations

The **Optometry and Dispensing Opticians** board has withdrawn nominations for an expert in Higher Education and Governance to its Education Committee. **Read more**

Caution against teeth whitening procedures

The **Dental Assisting, Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene** board cautions beauty salons from performing teeth whitening procedures by unregistered and/or unqualified practitioners. **Read more**

Continuing Professional Development

Ongoing professional development (CPD) is not only a key requirements of the HPCSA licensure, but also enables practitioners to grow their skills and ability to serve the well being of patients and their professions. **Read more**



Malaria initiatives

Local researchers are tackling malaria through cross-border initiatives and projects aimed at eliminating this very complex, widespread and particularly lethal human infectious disease in Southern Africa. **Read more**

