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The HPCSA sees itself playing a pivotal role in aspects of the NHI relating, but not limited to, the following:

The HPCSA as the regulator will support the NHI by ensuring quality assurance for universal health coverage and enforcing Professional Codes of Conduct and Ethics anchored on universally accepted principles on natural justice

The contracting of private health care providers through providing input on the general practitioner contracting model; as well as advocating for proper regulation of private hospitals

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (HPCSA) ROLE

Enhancing the Human Resources for Health as the key component and driver of universal coverage for health by ensuring that there are adequately qualified professionals trained and registered that meet the needs of the country by effectively carrying out its mandate of providing for control over the education, training and registration for and practising of health professions registered under the Act.

The involvement of the public in ensuring the success if the NHI will be critical thus the HPCSA will ensure continued Community engagement and dialogues for empowerment on rights and responsibilities and the role of health regulators in health care; as well as ensure continued Community engagement and dialogues for empowerment on rights and responsibilities HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (HPCSA) ROLE

In terms of the Information Technology, the HPCSA will ensure that up to date and accurate registers

In all of the above, the HPCSA and its Professional Boards commits to ensuring that the professions at the HPCSA contribute to the effectiveness and success of the National Health Insurance



AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

- **I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE** to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;
- THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;
- **I WILL RESPECT** the autonomy and dignity of my patient;
- I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;
- **I WILL NOT PERMIT** considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;
- I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

THE PHYSICIANS PLEDGE (WMA) CONTINUED..



I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;

I WILL FOSTER the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.