

Media Statement

HPCSA COUNCIL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN KWAZULU-NATAL

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) will be hosting a Council Stakeholder Engagement in KwaZulu-Natal to interact with registered healthcare practitioners regarding the latest updates within the HPCSA and address matters pertaining to practitioners. The engagement will take place at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (Durban ICC) in Durban on Wednesday, 22 May 2024.

This event, which is part of a series of activities conducted by Council, is a flagship annual gathering that draws numerous healthcare practitioners registered with the twelve (12) Professional Boards under its ambit.

Effective stakeholder engagement stands as a key organisational objective, aimed at enhancing relationships with stakeholders by the end of its term in 2025. This aligns with Council's core mandate of guiding the healthcare professions. This interactive engagement session is a platform to improve stakeholder communication, foster a culture of two-way dialogue, and ensure that role players know and understand the functions and responsibilities of the HPCSA and the Professional Boards.

The President of the HPCSA, Professor Simon Nmutandani and the HPCSA Registrar, Dr Magome Masike will be leading this engagement with Council members and the HPCSA management. The National Health Insurance (NHI) Specialist, Dr Aquina Thulare from the National Department of Health will also be giving a presentation on the impact of the National Health Insurance Bill to the Medical Aids and to the Health Sector Regulators.

Dr Magome Masike will provide an overview of the direction in which the HPCSA is heading and some of changes that have already been implemented throughout the organisation.

Professor Nmutandani explains that this engagement aims to bolster stakeholder relations and foster greater understanding of Council's vision, mission, its core values, key programmes and discuss practitioner-related issues, such as registrations, Continuing Professional Development (CPD), education and training, scope of practice and profession, complaints handling and investigation, ethical guidelines among others. "I urge our practitioners in KwaZulu-Natal to attend. Your participation is crucial for enhancing collaboration and shaping the future of our professions", says Professor Nmutandani.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act, 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects of education, training and registration, professional conduct, and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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