
Media Statement

HPCSA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF DR JOSEPH PHAAHLA AS THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) welcomes the announcement by President, Cyril Ramaphosa in the appointment of Dr Mathume Joseph "Joe" Phaahla as the new Minister of Health.

Dr Phaahla comes with a wealth of experience in the health sector, he has served as Deputy Minister of Health from 30 May 2019 to 5 August 2021. Dr Phaahla practised as a medical practitioner in various hospitals in KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo until April 1994. He became the first MEC for Health and Social Development in Limpopo from 1994-1997.

“The HPCSA is confident that Dr Joe Phaahla will bring the steady leadership and essential expertise we need to help us contain, protect and improve the health and well-being of the people of South Africa”, said Prof. Simon Nmutandani, HPCSA President.

The HPCSA commits to support the Minister and wish him success in his tenure.

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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 pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding 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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