

MEDIA STATEMENT

Unregistered biokinetics arrested in Klerksdorp

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For immediate release

Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) continues to uphold its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions through its efforts of tackling unregistered persons from practising illegally.

The HPCSA Inspectorate Office in the North West region together with members of the Klerksdorp Serious Commercial Crimes Unit conducted inspections in the Klerksdorp area where the operation led to the RVB Biokinetics Medical practice. During the operation, it was discovered that Mr CJ Van Belkum was practising as a biokinetics and advertising that he is a biokinetics specialist whilst he is not registered with Council.

Mr Van Belkum was arrested and taken to the Klerksdorp Police Station for fraud and contravening Section 17(1) of the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974.

Council is committed to ensuring that illegal healthcare practitioners do not practise and put the lives of the public at risk. The HPCSA encourages practitioners to report their colleagues who they suspect of employing unregistered persons. This will ensure that integrity is maintained in the profession and that professionals that are capable and registered with Council are the ones treating patients.

Members of the public are also advised to check with the HPCSA if their local practitioners appear on Council's register. The verification of practitioners can be done by calling the HPCSA Call Centre on 013 338 9300/1 or by visiting the HPCSA website on www.hpcsa.co.za and search on the register for the practitioners details.

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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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