

# Healthcare & Life Sciences Webinar

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We are currently undergoing a proposed paradigm shift in the provision of healthcare services in South Africa in the face of the draft National Health Insurance Bill (and final National Health Insurance Act, 2019). The Bill is currently undergoing the final phases of its passage into law with the Bill currently serving before the National Council of Provinces.

Questions swirl around the implementation of the Bill and what implications that implementation has on healthcare providers, health establishments, the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, the medical schemes industry and patients.

We examine certain of the possible implementation difficulties that are faced by the healthcare sector in the face of the re-engineering of South Africa's healthcare sector by the Bill.

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## AGENDA

| Time          | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Speaker                                                      |
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| 08:30 – 08:35 | Opening and Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Neil Kirby   Director and Head of Healthcare & Life Sciences |
| 08:35 – 09:05 | <b>The National Health Insurance Bill and prevailing Competition Laws</b><br>How does the NHI Bill reconcile itself with prevailing competition laws, if at all, and what of tariffs?                                                                                        | Dominique Arteiro   Director, Competition Law                |
| 09:05 – 09:30 | <b>A Certificate of Need and NHI</b><br>What is the position of accrediting healthcare providers under NHI and the requirement for a certificate of need?                                                                                                                    | Siphosakhe Phakathi   Associate, Healthcare & Life Sciences  |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | <b>Employment aspects of NHI</b><br>What are the employment aspects for employers under the proposed NHI, more particularly, the effects of a mandatory prepayment system and the provision of healthcare benefits by employers to employees and the potential consequences. | Anastasia Vatalidis   Director, Labour & Employment          |
| 09:50 – 10:00 | Questions, Discussion and Closing Remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Neil Kirby   Director and Head of Healthcare & Life Sciences |

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