

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE **NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI)**

What is the NHI?

The objective of the NHI is to provide universal access to quality healthcare for all South Africans through a pooled financing system.

The NHI journey began in 2011 with the publication of the NHI Green Paper. Since then, much groundwork has been done, including extensive public hearings.

The NHI Bill underwent various changes before being passed by the National Assembly and officially signed into law by President Ramaphosa on 15 May 2024.



How will the NHI operate?

The NHI aims to create a system where resources are shared between public and private healthcare providers without disadvantaging any group.

Where will you receive treatment under the NHI?

While the details of the delivery system still need to be clarified, the primary objective of the NHI is to ensure that all South Africans have access to the nearest NHI-accredited facility and services, whether it is public (State) or private.

Who will fund treatment under the NHI?

The NHI will cover the expenses of health benefits for all South Africans, irrespective of their employment status, financial standing or location. An NHI fund aims to ensure that individuals are not turned away from receiving medical care if they run out of benefits and funds, as may occur in the case of medical schemes and medical insurance.

What will the NHI cost?

The exact cost of the NHI remains uncertain. The proposed system aims to pool funds from various sources, including taxpayers, to finance healthcare services for the entire population. The precise financial implications will become clearer over time.

When will the NHI be implemented?

The full implementation of the NHI presents numerous challenges and complications in terms of funding, infrastructure and healthcare practitioner capacity. Full implementation of the NHI will take many years.

What does it mean for you?

Your existing Transmed cover is secure and remains in place.

As the NHI will be implemented step by step over many years, Transmed would like to reassure you that your Fund cover will remain securely in place for the foreseeable future.



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