

# Health Care *in South Africa*

## Chapter 1: The Big Picture

Comparative healthcare spend and longevity around the world

- Different models of healthcare around the world
- Selected international comparisons
- Update on Obamacare
- Update on Canada, UK, France

Global trends

- Ten years of broken promises to come?
- Shortage of medical personnel
- Demographic challenges / rising tide of chronic illness
- Epidemic and plagues

## Chapter 2: South Africa at a glance

GDP

Health spend (public and private)

Unemployment

Tax base

Disease profile

Availability of medical personnel

Longevity / infant mortality / maternal deaths relative to similar countries

## Chapter 3: Current sources of health funding in South Africa, medical inflation and theories on drivers increasing costs

Funders of healthcare

- Government budgets
- Private households
- Employers
- Road Accident Fund
- NGO's, PBO's Faith based Organisations
- Out of pocket

Cost drivers of healthcare over the last two years

- How to protect yourself from rising costs

## Chapter 4: Public Sector Health Services

*Part A*

Institutions reporting to the executive authority

*Part B*

Budgets

- National
- Provincial

Human resources, facilities

*Part C*

Challenges

Ten point plan

## Chapter 5: Public private initiatives

Initiatives to date

Future plans

## Chapter 6: The Role of NGO's and faith based organisations

Estimate of budgets

Description of services offered

## Chapter 7: Legislation introduced since 1994

*Part A*

- The National Health Act and Amendments
- Regulations
- Concerns, challenges and unintended consequences

*Part B*

- The Medical Schemes Act and Amendments
- Costs and difficulties relating to PMBs
- Operational losses of medical schemes
- Governance of Medical Schemes
- Update on REF, LIMs and other proposed amendments to legislation

*Part C*

Medicines & Related Substances Control Act & proposed amendments

- Status of regulations
- Concerns and challenges

## Chapter 8: Other legislation

Child Care Act

- Status of legislation, concerns and challenges

Traditional Medicines Act

- Status of legislation, concerns and challenges

Road Accident Fund legislation

- Status of legislation, concerns and challenges

## Chapter 9: NHI Update, the RPL and capitation

National Health Insurance

- Progress to date
- Four Budgets for NHI
- The Ministerial Advisory Body
- The central role of the Reference Price List

Pros and cons of capitation

- Views on NHI from different role players

## Chapter 10: Medical Schemes A-Z

Costs

Governance issues

Analysis of open and closed schemes

Interviews with Principal Officers

Trends and solvency

## Chapter 11: Employer Funded Healthcare

Compulsory

Voluntary

Budgets committed to employee wellness and CSI

Nature of services offered

## Chapter 12 : Bargaining Councils

Function and role players

Challenges and trends

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## Chapter 13: The role of insurers in funding healthcare

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Legislation pertinent to the sector  
The demarcation dispute  
Interview with leading insurers  
Top up insurance  
Disability policies  
Travel insurance

## Chapter 14: The role of financial advisors and consulting firms

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Legislation pertinent to the sector  
Services offered  
Firms offering services  
Interviews with leading advisors

## Chapter 15: The role of managed care providers

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Services offered  
Firms offering services  
Interviews with leading managed care providers

## Chapter 16: Medical Personnel: Doctors, specialists and dentists

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Training  
Private practitioners  
Public sector practitioners  
Concerns and trends

## Chapter 17: Medical Personnel: Allied health professionals

Associations  
Nature and range of services  
Concerns and trends

## Chapter 18: Medical Personnel: Nursing Services

Nurses and auxiliary service personnel  
Introduction  
DENOSA  
SA Nursing Council  
Training  
Role of Labour Brokers

## Chapter 19: Private Acute Hospitals, Clinics and Psychiatric Hospitals

Introduction  
HASA  
Firms operating in the sector

Challenges and trends  
– Audit of private facilities  
– Financing of step down facilities  
– Hospital licenses  
– Nursing shortage  
– Other challenges

## Chapter 20: Pharmaceutical (manufacturers)

Introduction (Generics, ethicals)  
Legislation pertaining to the sector  
SA companies  
Foreign companies  
Firms operating in the sector  
Challenges and trends

## Chapter 21: Pharmaceutical (Retail and distribution)

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Legislation pertaining to the sector  
Firms operating in the sector  
Challenges and trends

## Chapter 22: Emergency Services

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Firms in the sector  
Challenges and trends

## Chapter 23: Other medical supply companies

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Medical devices  
Medical information services  
Firms in the sector  
Challenges and trends

## Chapter 24: Suppliers to the medical scheme industry

Asset management companies  
Administrators

## Chapter 25: More on medical schemes

How to choose a medical scheme  
How to choose an option  
Understanding PMBs  
How medical schemes remain solvent  
Interviews with selected principal officers

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### Glossary



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