

Summary of Health Issues in South Africa

Thursday, 4nd August 2016

The WHO (World Health Organization) has concluded that SA private health systems expensive in accordance in comparison to international standards. These private institutes are able to set their own pricing structure. There is a possibility that the government may step in to control pricing.

SA was compared to other countries and the finding that SA was more expensive than other wealthier states. And of the comparisons continued with SA disagreeing with the stats provided.

A meeting is scheduled for the 20th of August 2016 to further investigation.

RESEARCH: TAMAR KAHN BUSINESS DAY, 4TH AUGUST 2016

Genesis medical aid members can be relieved that a court action to limit their benefits is busy being withdrawn. The Department of Health, challenged by Genesis over the fight for PMB to be paid in full. Such is the law.

RESEARCH: KATHERINE CHILD, BUSINESS DAY, 4TH AUGUST 2016

The Minister of health was approached to improve brain injuries in infants by starting a Fund. A call for medical personnel to take out medical malpractice insurance.

RESEARCH: ILSE DE JONG: THE CITIZEN, 4th AUGUST 2016

ZELDA VENTER: THE CAPE TIMES, 4th AUGUST 2016

Traditional healers are in an uproar about the NDOF (National Department of Health) for the lack of progress and delays in regulating their industry. This is even though a formal body has been established to conduct this. These traditional healers are not acknowledged in the country.

Healers are not permitted to issue a sick certificate. This attempt to regulate this has been going on for numerous years now.

RESEACH: SIPOKAZI: CAPE ARGUS, 3RD AUGUST 2016

Harassment charges against a medical consultant has in a surprising turn, left a medical turn to release footage thus exposing her superiors. It is still to be determined whether an investigation will be taken up by the HPCSA.

The rest of the contents pertain to pharmaceuticals and their companies and will not be included in this synopsis.