

Press Release

Invitation To Private Healthcare Providers To Apply For Accreditation

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The National Health Insurance Management Authority (NHIMA) was established as a body corporate under Section 4 of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Act No. 2 of 2018 to establish and implement the compulsory National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS). Under this Law, NHIMA is mandated to implement an accreditation process for Health Care Providers (HCPs), both public and private, who wish to provide insured services under the NHIS. Phase 1 Accreditation process in December 2019 resulted in 128 Public and Faith Based HCPs countrywide being accredited and contracted to provide insured services under the NHIS.

NOTICE is hereby given that NHIMA has commenced Phase 2 Accreditation process starting with Private Pharmacies and Diagnostic Centres (Laboratory and Radiology Services). In respect of this NOTICE, Private healthcare providers are hereby invited to apply for accreditation under the NHIS. All applicants must meet the following conditions:

- 1. Must provide a cover letter and a duly executed Application Form.
- 2. Must pay the statutory prescribed accreditation fees.
- 3. Must be fully registered with PACRA.
- 4. Must have a valid Tax Clearance Certificate.
- 5. Must be registered with Regulatory Authorities such as Health Professions Council of Zambia, Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority, Radiation Protection Authority,
- 6. Must be NHIMA compliant (Facility Staff must be NHIMA members as required by law)
- 7. Have operated for at least six (06) months prior to applying.
- 8. Have good record of service provision and in good standing with other Regulatory Authorities.
- 9. Must pass an accreditation assessment and accept quality assurance standards, utilization review and the payment mechanism by NHIMA.
- 10. Must have a formal quality assurance program in place.
- 11. Must accept the Private Benefit Package standard tariffs for insured services, and
- 12. Must permit NHIMA or any person authorized by NHIMA to inspect facility premises and records.

The accreditation application form and applicable application fees schedule can be downloaded from our Official website; www.nhima.co.zm. Accreditation fees are to be deposited in the following account:

National Health Insurance Management Authority-Main Fund **Account Number** 0012030001844 **Bank**INDO ZambiaLusaka Main Branch

For any further clarifications, write to:

The Director General.

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