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SUBMISSIONS TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH REGARDING THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL, 2019

I am strongly opposed against National Health Insurance (NHI) and am of the opinion that this is yet another unrealistic and socialistic state project that will limit and ultimately destroy the freedom of the public (as healthcare consumers), as well as the freedom of doctors and other health practitioners (as the suppliers of healthcare).

I believe that the NHI will destroy the private health sector and that all service delivery will be lowered to the level of our current public health sector. Should the state implement the NHI, it will ultimately destroy the private health sector and medical aids by making it unaffordable for members of medical aids to still belong to these medical aids. This will mean that everyone in the country will ultimately be delivered to poor state services due to affordability reasons.

I furthermore view the NHI as a direct attack on the middle class and on quality medical care in South Africa. I also view this as a desperate attempt to try to compensate for the self-created mess in the public healthcare sector. There are also too few tax payers in the country to fund the NHI, and the economy is growing too slowly to make the NHI sustainable. As a result of a shortage of medical practitioners, medicine and people to fund the NHI, medical care will ultimately be more expensive for everyone.

Kind regards

A concerned South African citizen