



PROJECT BRIEF:

Consultancy to assist in the development of Packages of Services in support of the National Health Insurance initiative

SERVICE PROVIDER TEAM: Drs Lahla Ngubane, Ken Grant, Dan Whittaker, Julius Katzke.

DATES: PhaseOne, March 1, 2011 to December, 2011

PURPOSE

Define the package of services to be available in selected pilot districts, with details of how these services will be delivered through a purchaser/provider split, which would facilitate the introduction of the NHI.

SCOPE OF WORK

The work will focus on nine districts, one per province selected by agreement with NDoH on the basis of pre-agreed criteria.

The work programme includes the following:

- Background research on the latest policy documentation on NHI, 10-point plan, service delivery agreement, health budget, State of the Nation priorities and related health and provincial policy plans;
- Agreement on criteria and selection of districts;
- Preparation of a draft document summarizing the package of services to be provided under NHI, with reference to the MAC purchasing committee, their background papers and other available national policy documentation;
- A scoping visit to one of the pilot districts to agree a methodology to guide the visits to the remaining districts. The aim is to better understand work already underway to prepare for NHI introduction, to review available data on public and private providers (CHCs, GPs, hospitals) in the selected districts and to gain the views of local stakeholders (eg GPs, community-based nurses and midwives, hospital-based

clinicians, occupational health services and local managers). Existing service provision will be mapped and the gap between the proposed NHI package and the existing services will be determined. Options for universal coverage of the completed package of services, utilizing a combination of service providers, will be drawn up and costed.

- For each district, summarise how and when services will be strengthened through current initiatives. These initiatives include preparatory work by the Office for Health Standards and Compliance; strengthening management capacity (follow-up to the DBSA competency assessment); infrastructure development (as detailed in STPs); and re-engineering of Primary Health Care;
- For each district summarise how services could be strengthened through the various reimbursement models and purchasing models proposed by the MAC, for example capitation fees, case-mix. Also consider what capacities need to be developed locally for these systems to be introduced and clarify which are the main service components to be included;
- Finalise a report for the Director-General on the proposed packages of services to be available under NHI and the opportunities for these services to be strengthened and improved through NHI.

OUTCOMES

NHI Briefing Pack: A Resource Document for Managers to Prepare for the District NHI Pilots completed January 2012.

