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**SEMINAR DEBATE  
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (NHI)  
“UNIVERSAL COVERAGE FOR ALL”**

**Join us on 17 February from 09h00 to 12h00 for a seminar debate, ONLINE via Teams.**

NHI Bill has been approved by Parliament and is now ready for the President to sign. According to the Bill, NHI will be providing access to all South Africans regardless of how wealthy or poor you are. While NHI may provide access to all there are questions still questions lingering about the Bill.

SAMLA explores the NHI Bill for its members highlighting the implications it may have for healthcare professionals and Constitutional rights of individuals which may be violated.

**QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.**

- 1. Who will be responsible and accountable for negligence which may lead to litigation, particularly in the public sector as most doctors in the private sector have indemnity insurance and private hospitals have insurance against litigation?**
- 2. Who will take responsibility for medico-legal claims when NHI is introduced, will it still be the MEC?**
- 3. Are there lessons to learn from the UK about the NHS?**
- 4. What will happen to the medical aid companies and those currently contributing to them?**
- 5. Can one refuse to join the NHI?**

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## PROGRAMME

- 1 **Prof Ethelwynn L Stellenberg (National Chairperson SAMLA):**  
Welcome and brief overview of the NHI:
  
- 2 **Dr Mogori Mogashoa (Deputy National Chairperson Health SAMLA)**  
Introducing the **Speakers**:
  - **Dr Caroline Corbett (Chairperson SA Anaesthesiology Society)**  
Implications for individuals and healthcare professionals.
  
  - **Dr Mahlatse Rapholo (NDOH):**  
Responding to questions.
  
  - **Dr Graham Howarth (MPS)**  
International perspective Lessons to learn from the NHS.
  
  - **Prof H Lerm (Non-Executive President SAMLA)**
  
  - **Adv Carlos da Silva (Deputy National Chairperson Law SAMLA):**  
The Constitution and how it relates to the NHI.

Prof Ethelwynn L Stellenberg  
National Chairperson

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