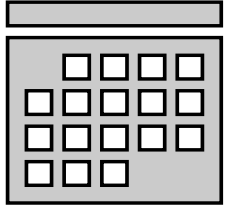


ASSA NHI-related research and call for expression of interest

Healthcare seminar

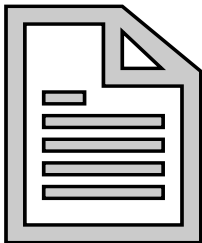
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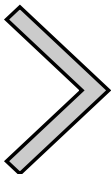
Formation

- Commissioned in 2010 upon release of NHI policy documents
- Initial task was to update and develop Discovery/Deloitte costing and resource projection model
- Exists within the ASSA healthcare committee



Contributions

- Contributed cost projections to National Treasury policy documents
- Made written and oral submission in response to the NHI Bill



Objective

- Current objective is to perform research related to NHI that requires actuarial skills
- Research to be used as a basis for engagements with stakeholders and policymakers

ASSA NHI Bill submission

Comments on

Actuarial obligation to work in public interest

Support of NHI objectives and willingness to contribute

Requirement for actuarial skills for understanding risk, budgeting and analysis

Need for long road of coherent, well-planned and executed policy changes

Views on aspects of the Bill

Access to care

Benefit entitlements

Healthcare providers

Data

Actuarial expertise

Timing and progress

Governance and public trust

Potential research topics

Benefit costings of planned benefits and programmes

Projections of reimbursement models, such as capitation, DRGs and fee for service arrangements

Costs of care coordination, setup and pricing of primary care and hospital networks and protocols for delivery of care

Projecting utilisation and costs for sub-populations by area and income

Pricing mandatory contributions and the impact on social solidarity

Projections of reforms to medical schemes and the behavior of medical scheme members

Planning for human resource and infrastructure requirements

Long-term projections of costs and assessing the uncertainty of long-term projections

Determining risk adjusted allocations for healthcare financing pools, such as provinces, districts and private funders



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Objective

Solicit proposals to conduct research in several public interest topics.

Enhance ASSA's public interest voice and enable engagements with policymakers.

Research output in the form of a peer-reviewed paper and model for presentation at an ASSA conference or sessional meeting.

ASSA will work with the researchers and provide the necessary resources, as available and within reason, to ensure success.

Research grant for each research project will depend on the expected duration, scope of work, number and types of experts involved



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Topic 1

Enterprise Risk Management framework in implementing the National Health Insurance

Topic 3

Designing an affordable, equitable, good-quality package of care for universal health cover in South Africa

Topic 1: ERM framework in implementing the NHI

Audience: National Department of Health, National Treasury, Presidency, Academic researchers, ASSA members

Examples of research details that might be of value:

- System-wide ERM framework can help to identify potential risks and inefficiencies in NHI proposals
- Measure the ERM risks associated with various national health insurance NHI roadmaps
- Defining the scope and objectives of the model, identifying key risk categories, developing a risk assessment framework, analysing the proposals, comparing and prioritising the proposals, and developing risk management strategies to mitigate the identified risks

Topic 3: Designing a package for universal care

Audience: National Department of Health, Council for Medical Schemes, National Treasury, Presidency, Academic researchers, ASSA members

Examples of research details that might be of value:

- what kind of services could be made available, in what kind of setting and by when given the budget available for NHI.
- consider various scenarios of different levels of service offerings and then seek to answer questions about resource allocation, access in different regions and the management of unintended consequences
- The researcher can propose to focus on aspects instead of the whole topic and can work with the ASSA NHI subcommittee to refine this



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Submission date	30 May
Time frame for completion	3-6 months
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