

Media Statement

HPCSA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF DR ZWELI MKHIZE AS MINISTER OF HEALTH

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) welcomes the announcement by President Cyril Ramaphosa in the appointment of Dr Zweli Mkhize as the new Minister of Health.

Dr Mkhize comes with a wealth of experience in the health sector, he served as MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal from 1994 to 2004. He was co-founder of the Regional Health Forum and became a member of the National Health Forum, which is one of the structures that served as a consultative avenue for stakeholders in the health sector across the country. He was also a member of the ANC's National Health Secretariat, a structure that was tasked with the responsibility of developing the country's health policy.

The HPCSA is confident that Dr Mkhize will deliver efficiently in this position and lead new and refreshing perspectives on advancing the health system of South Africa.

The HPCSA commits its support to the Minister and wishes him success in his tenure.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) also known as Council is a statutory body established under the Health Professions Act 56 of 1974. The HPCSA is committed to protecting the public and guiding the professions. The mission of the HPCSA is quality and equitable healthcare for all.

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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