

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PUBLIC NOTICE: CALL FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THE SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE BILL 2023.

The Ministry, through a Technical Working Group comprised of Officers drawn from the Ministry of Health, Office of the Attorney General & Department of Justice and Kenya Law Reform Commission, has developed a draft Social Health Insurance Bill 2023. The Bill seeks to provide a framework for the management of Social Health Insurance; to provide for the establishment of the Social Health Authority; to give effect to Article 43(1) (a) of the Constitution; and for connected purposes.

The objects of the proposed Bill shall be to:

- (a) Provide for a framework for improved health outcomes and financial protection in line with the right to health and universal coverages;
- (b) Realign healthcare systems, processes and programs for responsiveness, reliability and sustainability of health care in Kenya.
- (c) Enhance the pooling of resources and risks based on the principles of solidarity, equity and efficiency so as to guarantee access to health care services to all and;
- (d) Promote strategic purchasing of healthcare services.

The Ministry therefore invites relevant stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to provide suggestion(s), views and inputs, with justification(s), on the Social Health Insurance Bill, which will inform changes thereof. The draft Bill and the template to guide the submission of public comments are available at the following links:- <https://www.health.go.ke>

The comments, inputs or memoranda thereof from the general public may be forwarded to **the Principal Secretary State Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, P. O. Box 30016-00100, Nairobi** or hand delivered to **the Office of the Principal Secretary, Afya House**, or emailed to shibill@health.go.ke to be received by **19th September, 2023**.

Additionally, there shall be physical and virtual meetings for public consultations on the above Social Health Insurance Bill, 2023, at venues to be communicated on by the Ministry of Health.

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