



MEDIA STATEMENT

SAHPRA and HPCSA sign MOA to streamline Collaboration

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Pretoria, September 2025 – The South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) and the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on 18 August 2025 for five years. The main objective of this MOA is to enable collaboration and cooperation between the two bodies to promote the health and well-being of all South Africans.

The signing of this MOA signals the following:

- Information-sharing and collaboration to protect South Africans, in terms of receiving health care and health products from practitioners
- Cross-referral of emerging and urgent risks and complaints relating to professional transgressions
- Conducting joint inspections and investigations relating to the above
- Create joint awareness campaigns, social media interactions, media statements, and comments
- Aligning, where necessary, the rules, standards, and regulations to clarify and avoid inconsistencies in the application of the empowering legislation
- Participation in joint initiatives, such as SAHPRA's Codeine Care Initiative

“The signing of this MOA is a precursor to wider collaboration in terms of ensuring that the South African public is safe from unethical and unscrupulous so-called ‘professionals’. We hope to stem the tide of substandard and falsified health products and to deter such individuals or companies from preying on an unsuspecting public, with no qualms about their safety and well-being,” indicates Dr Boitumelo Semete-Makokotlela, CEO of SAHPRA.

The HPCSA emphasises the importance of the MOA as a milestone in advancing its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the professions. By strengthening cooperation with SAHPRA, the HPCSA reaffirms its commitment to ensure that healthcare is delivered in line with the highest ethical and regulatory requirements.

Welcoming the partnership, the HPCSA Registrar, Dr Magome Masike, stated: "This agreement formalises a relationship that is critical in ensuring public protection. The HPCSA is committed to fully adhering to the provisions of this MOA, and we view it as a strong step forward in fostering a safer, more accountable health system for South Africa."

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About SAHPRA

SAHPRA is tasked with regulating (monitoring, evaluating, investigating, inspecting and registering) all health products. This includes clinical trials, complementary medicines, medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics (IVDs). Furthermore, SAHPRA has the added responsibility of overseeing radiation control in South Africa. SAHPRA's mandate is outlined in the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 101 of 1965, as amended, as well as the Hazardous Substances Act, 15 of 1973.

SAHPRA has three pillars to ensure that medicines, medical devices and IVDs meet the requisite standards to protect the health and well-being of all who reside in South Africa:

- Safety
- Efficacy
- Quality

It is these three pillars that define the ethos of SAHPRA.

ABOUT THE HPCSA

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

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in South Africa by overseeing education, training, and registration; maintaining professional conduct and ethical behaviour; ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD); and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

To safeguard the public and guide the professions, registration with the Council is a prerequisite for practicing any of the health professions regulated under the Act.

