



QUANTIFYING RISK, ENABLING OPPORTUNITY

# Review of the Health Market Inquiry

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# Background



# Context



Demarcation debate still not finalised, and in limbo again due to the proposed LCBO framework being suspended.



National Health Insurance White Paper  
(December 2015)

# Curent Phase



Data gathering mostly complete



In the midst of public hearings



Presentations generally echoed the sentiments expressed in the written submissions



Mixed positive and negative views



Some shots were fired

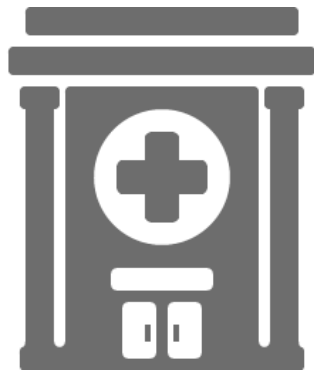
# Themes from the first round of public hearings



Wide range of stakeholders, including doctors, patients and civil society voicing concerns

Many different perspectives and points of view of the system, from the most high level to the most granular

Hospitals received a lot of the attention



relationships with doctors  
quality information  
role in the overall health system  
negotiating with funders  
shortage of nurses  
training of nurses and doctors  
the role of day facilities  
empowerment  
licensing of facilities

A number of presentations  
from doctors, other  
professionals and their  
groups



clinical interference from funders  
clumsiness of information systems  
burden of clinical coding  
lack of clarity on PMB coverage  
schemes avoiding their PMB obligations  
prescriptive fees paid by funders

## Provincial DOHs



licensing burdens

moonlighting of staff in private facilities

dumping of private patients out of benefits

## National DOH



issues facing the whole system, public & private

high prices in the private sector

inequity between sectors

focus on NHI and not short term distractions

critical of PPPs

RWOPS



## Schemes, administrators and MCOs



product complexity

problems caused by PMB dispensation

utilization as a driver of overall cost increases

(some) challenges in establishing networks

fragmentation of provider side

supply induced demand

# The main emerging issues



Price (and competition related to price)



Complexity (at various levels, for individual products and services, and the system)



Quality (measuring and sharing with stakeholders)



Reforms / Regulation  
(for providers and funders)

# Useful resources

<http://www.compcom.co.za/healthcare-inquiry/>  
(general info)

<http://www.compcom.co.za/public-hearings-2/>  
(presentations and transcripts)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfpSJZxdHcryCC20ipPAuCg>  
(Competition Commission YouTube channel)