

**THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORENDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the National Health Insurance Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the National Health Insurance Management Authority; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the National Health Insurance Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement
Cap. 302

5 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

10 2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places in alphabetical order:

Amendment of section 2

15 “Health Professions Council of Zambia” means the Health Professions Council of Zambia established under the Health Professions Act, 2024; and

Act No. 17 of 2024

“Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants” means the Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants established under the Accountants Act.

Cap. 390

20 3. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment of section 6

(1) There is constituted the Board of the Authority which consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

- (a) a representative each from the ministries responsible for— 5
 - (i) health;
 - (ii) finance; and
 - (iii) labour;
- (b) a representative of the Attorney General;
- (c) a representative of the Health Professions 10
Council of Zambia;
- (d) a representative of the Zambia Institute
of Chartered Accountants;
- (e) a representative of an association 15
representing employees in the private
sector;
- (f) a representative of an association
representing employers in the private
sector;
- (g) a representative of an association 20
representing employers in the public sector;
- (h) a representative of a religious organisation;
and
- (i) one person with knowledge and experience 25
in health insurance.

(2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.