

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME ACT CAP. N42 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 TO MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR EVERY NIGERIAN TO KEY INTO THE SCHEME AND TO PROTECT FAMILIES FROM FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Anayo Nnebe

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1.** The National Health Insurance Scheme ACT CAP.N42 Laws of Amendment of
2 the Federation of Nigeria 2004 is amended as set out in this Act. the Principal Act
- 3 **2.** Section 2 Sub-section 2 (g) of the Principal Act is amended by Amendment of
4 deleting the word "One Person" and replacing same with the word "Two Section 2
5 Persons", that is:
6 "Two Persons to represent the Registered Health Maintenance
7 Organizations".
- 8 **3.** Section 2 sub-section 2(h) is hereby amended by deleting the
9 word "One Person" and replacing same with the word "Two Persons"
10 That is:
11 "Two Persons to represent the Private Health Care Providers".
- 12 **4.** Section 2 sub-section (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended
13 by inserting a new sub-section 2(j) which states thus:
14 "One Person to represent the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs
15 and Social Development".
- 16 **5.** Section 2 sub-section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by
17 inserting a new sub-section (2) (k) which states thus:

	1	“One Person to represent the National Association of Nigerian
	2	Students”.
	3	6. The previous section 2 sub-section 2(j) of the Act is presently
	4	section 2 sub-section 2 (k).
Amendment of Section 4	5	7. Section 4 sub-section 3 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by
	6	inserting a new sub-section (3) (a) which states:
	7	There is a vacancy in the Council if a member:
	8	(a) Dies;
	9	(b) Is removed from the office in accordance with the section of this
	10	Act;
	11	(c) Resigns from Office;
	12	(d) Completes his tenure.
	13	(b) Subject to section 4 sub-section (1) & (2) of the Act, where a
	14	vacancy occurs in the membership of the council, it shall be filled by the
	15	appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office
	16	of the his predecessor, so however, that the successor shall represent the same
Deletion of Section 12 of the Principal Act	17	interest and shall be appointed by the president.
	18	8. Section 12 of the Principal Act is hereby deleted.
Amendment of Section 16	19	9. Section 16 (1) of the Act is amended by deleting the word "may"
	20	and replacing same with the word "must" that is:
	21	“An employer who has a minimum of ten employees must, together
	22	with every person in his employment, pay contributions under the scheme, at
	23	such rates and in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the
	24	Council.”
Amendment of Section 17	25	10. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub-
	26	section (4) which states thus:
	27	“The Council must as a matter of necessity take steps to sensitize
	28	persons captured under section 17 Sub-section (3) in the Act on the benefits of
	29	the scheme.”

1 **11.** This Bill may be cited as the National Health Insurance Scheme
2 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Health Insurance Scheme Act CAP. N42 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to aggregate the opinion of women as it relates to the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheme as well as its impact on direct beneficiaries.

(b) To ensure that the scheme covers every Nigerian and to also create awareness amongst low income earners that the little savings they make today will save the situation tomorrow.

