

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND NATIONAL HEALTH ACT NO.8 OF 2014, TO DEFINE BASIC MINIMUM PACKAGE OF HEALTH SERVICES, PROVIDE MORE MECHANISMS FOR REALIZING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT IN PROVIDING FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO ALL NIGERIANS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENTS OF THE CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME STIPULATED IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME ACT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Mohammed Shamsudeen Bello

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

1 1. The National Health Act No.8 of 2014 (in this bill referred to as
2 "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
National Health
Act No. 8 of 2014

3 2. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended:

Amendment of
Section 3

4 (1) By substituting subsection (1) for new subsection (1):

5 “(1) without prejudice to the requirement of payments of the
6 contributory scheme stipulated in the National Health Insurance Scheme
7 Act, the Minister may, in consultation with National Council on Health,
8 prescribe conditions where every Nigerian shall be entitled to free health
9 care services.”

10 (2) By inserting, after subsection (3), new subsection (4):

11 “(4) In determining the minimum the basic minimum health
12 package services under subsection (3) of this section, the Minister shall hold
13 public hearing in consultation with critical stake holders.”

14 3. Section 11 (3)(e) of the Principal Act is amended, by
15 substituting the existing paragraph (e) for new paragraph (e) and additional
16 paragraph (f):

Amendment of
Section 11 (3)(e)

1 “(e) 5 per cent shall be allocated to NHIS, in addition to the provisions
2 under paragraph (a) of this section.”

3 (f) the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit shall supervise the
4 application of such authorized funds to Health Maintenance Organisations in
5 order to ensure transparency and probity in the public service.

Amendment of
Section 38

6 4. Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended:

7 (a) in subsection (1), by inserting new paragraphs "(b)" and "(c)" after
8 the existing paragraph (a);

9 “(b) provide a well-articulated affordable healthcare cost and
10 effective mechanism for monitoring of prices of service.”;

11 “(c) provide a framework that regulates healthcare cost and practice
12 by health care providers who are of public - private partnership as well as
13 streamlining remuneration of resident health care providers and non-resident
14 health care providers”; and

15 (b) renumbering the existing paragraph (b) as new paragraph (d).

Citation

16 5. This Bill may be cited as National Health Act (Amendment) Bill,
17 2019.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend National Health Act NO.8 of 2014, to define basic minimum package of health services, provide more mechanisms for realizing the objectives of the principal Act in providing free healthcare services to all Nigerians, without prejudice to the requirement of payments of the contributory scheme stipulated in the National Health Insurance Scheme Act and expand the scope of duties by health care providers.