

Media Statement

HPCSA WELCOMES NEW REGISTRAR/CEO

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Pretoria – The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), announced the appointment of its new Registrar/CEO in the person of Dr Manyangane Raymond Billa. His effective date of employment was 1 January 2019.

In welcoming Dr Billa, the President of the HPCSA, Dr Kgosi Letlape said; “We are delighted with the appointment of Dr Raymond Billa by the Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. We are confident of his leadership capabilities to steer the HPCSA and to deliver and discharge its mandate as encapsulated in the Health Professions Act, 54 of 1974. It is our view that in Dr Billa we have found an exceptional leader, who has sound management and organisational acumen and has demonstrated the ability to effectively lead various organisations within the healthcare environment, and to develop strong integrated teams to deliver on the mandate.”

Dr Billa obtained his degree in Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) from the Medical University of Southern Africa (MEDUNSA) in 1991. In 2010, he attained an MSc in Bioethics and Health Law from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Dr Billa has a wealth of knowledge and experience spanning over 17 years within the healthcare industry. Prior to his appointment to the HPCSA, he was the Chief Executive Officer at Helen Joseph Hospital, a position he held from May 2013. His management career commenced in 2002 where he was the Head of Medical Services at Tembisa Hospital. From 2005 to 2006, he moved on to Sterkfontein Hospital where he was the Chief Executive Officer. Between February until June 2006, he was the Acting Director: Clinical Services at the Johannesburg Hospital. In the same year, he further proceeded to Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital. From January 2007 to January 2010, Dr Billa was appointed Director: Clinical Services at Chris Hani Baragwanath. In February 2010 to April 2013, he was the Acting Chief Executive Officer at Sterkfontein Hospital.

“I feel privileged and humbled by the confidence that the HPCSA Council has in my ability to lead and steer the HPCSA ship to the right direction. I am not unaware of the enormity of the task that I have been entrusted with in ensuring that the HPCSA is one of the leading regulators in the country, in Africa and the world. Despite some challenges that are encountered, we have to ensure that the HPCSA maintains its mandate of protecting the public and guiding the profession.” said Dr Billa.

The Registrar’s focus for his term of office will be to ensure that Council’s processes are aligned in the realisation of Council’s strategic objectives. He also emphasized the need to maintain healthy working relationships with the all stakeholders.

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About the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)

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

The HPCSA is mandated to regulate the health professions in the country in aspects pertaining to education, training and registration, professional conduct and ethical behaviour, ensuring Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and fostering compliance with healthcare standards.

In order to safeguard the public and guiding the professions, registration in terms of the Act is a prerequisite for practising any of the health professions registrable with Council.

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