



SECRETARY GENERAL'S UPDATE TO MEMBERS 8 FEBRUARY 2019

a) REVIEW OF TARIFFS – NTLC UPDATE

The National Tariff and Liaison Committee held a very fruitful meeting on 24 January 2019 to deliberate on the magnitude of any proposed review. ZiMA will engage AHFoZ after the pronouncement of the Monetary Policy Statement. The NTLC Chair will announce the ZiMA position once negotiations with Medical Aid Societies are complete. In the meantime practitioners are reminded to note that tariffs are denominated in USD and doctors can collect in any of the currencies in the currency basket in use in Zimbabwe's Multi-currency system.

b) FUEL FACILITY

The fuel facility is operating efficiently at the two designated service stations. We urge members to pay up their 2019 subscriptions as fuel coupons are only going to be sold to paid-up ZiMA members.

2019 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Members with more than 10 years in practice	\$300
Members with less than 10 years in practice	\$50
Corporate subscriptions	\$400

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERS CAN MAKE PART PAYMENTS TOWARDS THEIR 2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS

c) ZiMA ANNUAL CONGRESS

The 2019 ZiMA Annual Congress will be held from 14-18 August 2019 under the theme "PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE. Due to current uncertainties in the market the NEC will deliberate on the venue and advise members before 28 February 2019.

d) HOSPITAL DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The HDA will resolve their current leadership crisis by holding elections on the 23rd February 2019 under the supervision of ZiMA in HARARE and BULAWAYO.

e) MEDICAL STUDENTS TRAINING

ZiMA continues to lobby government to follow current statutes and global best practices in the training of Medical students. It is our belief that the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education does not have the capacity to offer clinical training to medical doctors

f) REGULATION OF MEDICAL AID SOCIETIES

Having lobbied the Ministry of Health and Child Care, through the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Health and Child Care to ensure adequate regulation of Medical Aid Societies, ZiMA engaged IPEC to amplify its calls for health insurers to be regulated under IPEC. We continue waiting for the Bill to be tabled in Parliament.

g) ZiMA MALPRACTICE FUND

The Board of trustees intend to hold the fund's AGM during the first half of 2019. Please ensure that you have renewed your Malpractice cover to enable you to attend the AGM. Contact Minerva or the ZiMA office.

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