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Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal,
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Chairman, Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission,
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Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission,
Chairman, National Population Commission,
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related
Offences Commission,
Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,
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Directors-General and Chief Executives of Parastatals, Agencies and Government-Owned Companies.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR ALL NIGERIANS AND LEGAL RESIDENTS IN NIGERIA

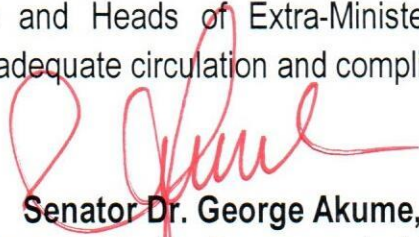
In demonstration of the Federal Government's commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all Nigerians, the Nigeria Health Sector Renewal Investment Initiative (NHSRII) was launched by the President in December 2023. This comprehensive health reform strategy aims to transform the country's healthcare system by prioritising primary health care, improving infrastructure, enhancing workforce development, and strengthening governance.

2. The implementation of the NHSRII has created an urgent need for national compliance with the mandate for health insurance as outlined in the National Health Insurance Authority Act, 2022, which repealed the NHIS Act of 1999. This initiative aims to improve access to healthcare, reduce financial burdens, and enhance health outcomes throughout the country.

3. To promote mandatory enrolment in the Health Insurance Plan, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has issued the following directives:

- i. **Employee Enrolment:** Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) are to ensure the enrolment of all their employees in the NHIA Insurance Plan. Where desired, MDAs may also opt for additional supplementary private insurance coverage, in accordance with the NHIA Act;
- ii. **Health Insurance Certificate:** Henceforth, a valid NHIA-issued Health Insurance Certificate will be required as part of the eligibility criteria for all entities participating in public procurement processes;
- iii. **Licenses and Permits:** MDAs will require businesses to present a valid NHIA Health Insurance Certificate as a precondition for the issuance and renewal of licenses, permits, and other official approvals;
- iv. **Verification Platform:** NHIA will establish a digital platform to facilitate easy verification of Health Insurance Certificates; and

- v. **Verification Systems:** MDAs will collaborate with NHIA to develop internal procedures for verifying the authenticity of the submitted Health Insurance Certificates and to ensure consistent compliance monitoring.
4. The implementation of this circular is effective immediately. Honourable Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments, Parastatals and Agencies are to ensure adequate circulation and compliance with the Presidential directives.



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