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Guidelines for Membership of IPAF (June 2017)

In order to avoid any confusion the management of IPAF would like to clarify the functions of the constituent IPAs as well as the IPA Foundation (IPAF).

All doctors interacting with IPAF, and any statutory authorities are requested to use the right terms when addressing issues and filling in documents.

IPAs:

- Independent Practice Associations (Eg , KZNDRC, CPC/Qualicare etc. BIPA, ECIPA etc.)
- Their membership is open to any doctor who is registered with HPCSA, and is in good standing.

IPAF:

This is a network management company which comprises 3 national IPA groupings, namely the SAMCC, ASAIPA SP Net and NIMPA. Collectively it assists over 5000 Family Practitioners in manners listed below. It's membership is open predominantly to constituent IPAs , however doctors who are not members of any formal associations may also join.

IPAF's Functions:

- IPAF and its constituent IPAs are Network managers and promote Best Practice Initiatives.
- IPAF performs peer review, and utilizes Insight as our profiling actuarial arm.
- IPAF's work with selected willing Medical Schemes to promote Quality, Cost Efficient and Best outcomes.
- **Neither the IPAs nor IPAF are DSPs to any funder organization.**
- **IPAs and IPAF do not participate in Fee / Tariff negotiation.**

IPAF and its IPAs:

- Adjudicate Funder Network contracts to check if the terms of engagement do not compromise our members or pass on unmanageable risk.
- Conduct monthly meetings, coordinate conferences and journal clubs.
- Keep their membership informed of legislative changes and other Health related policy changes.
- IPAF hosts on its websites, Clinical, Practice Management information and other topics e.g. Antibiotic Stewardship, Appropriate Analgesic use, Diabetic guidelines etc.
- Are committed to work with any other medical group to advance healthcare in SA.

IPAF Executive Management team

DIRECTORS:

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