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Health
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATORY PRICING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ADVERTISEMENT

RECRUITMENT OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERIAL RECOMMENDATORY COMMITTEE (THE PRICING COMMITTEE)

The Pricing Committee (PC) is constituted as a recommendatory committee to the Minister of Health to make recommendations on medicines pricing matters as contemplated in terms of Section 22G of the Medicines Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965), as amended.

In terms of Section 22G of the Medicines Act the Minister shall appoint members to serve on the Pricing Committee (PC) for a period not exceeding five years. In terms of Regulation 38 (3) of the General Regulations to the Medicines Act, the Minister of Health is seeking to appoint interested and suitable candidates to serve as members of the Committee during the terms beginning early in the year 2021.

The functions of the PC as stated in the terms of reference

The key functions of the PC as contemplated under Section 22G of Act 101 of 1965 are to make recommendations to the Minister of Health on matters relating to the transparent pricing system, for all medicines and scheduled substances sold in the Republic. Responsibilities of the PC include making recommendations on regulations that pertain to:

- introducing the Single Exit Price (SEP) legislative measures, to be applicable to all stakeholders except the State
- the determination of appropriate dispensing fees for pharmacists and persons licensed in terms of section 22 C (1)(a) of the Medicines Act
- the determination of an appropriate fee to be charged by wholesalers, distributors, or any other person selling Schedule 0 medicines
- recommendations made in terms of Section 36 (2) of Act 101 of 1965 which provides for the exemption of Medicines from the provisions of Section 22G and 18A of Act 101 of 1965.

The PC is further required, in terms of the Pricing Regulations, to recommend to the Minister and the Director General, methods to be used towards the implementation of international reference pricing of medicines and pharmaco-economic evaluations.

Member profile/requirements

Members are not appointed to act as representatives of any particular organisation. Instead, PC members are appointed for their individual career background and or expertise. Once appointed each member will be expected to apply knowledge, experience and judgement on matters and topics considered by the PC.

Potential candidates should have understanding, background and knowledge in any of the following fields: Pharmacology, Law, Academic Medical Research, and/or Economics (or Health Economics). Candidates with knowledge in Clinical Trial Evaluation, Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Evidence-Based Medicine, Finance and/or Accounting shall have an added advantage. Candidates with a postgraduate qualification in any of the aforementioned fields of study will be prioritised during the selection process. Interested members of the public are also invited to apply to serve in the PC as representatives of independent patient or consumer groups.

Term of office: Potential candidates will be appointed to serve for a single period not exceeding five years.

Remuneration: Members of the PC are remunerated according to the tariffs as determined and approved by the National Treasury from time to time on an annual basis. The department will be responsible for the travel

and subsistence costs of members when attending meetings. Persons in the full-time employment of the State will not be remunerated for their services should they be appointed as members of the PC.

Potential candidates are required to take note of the following important matters:

- Candidates must be prepared to travel to the venue for the pre-arranged meetings to be held at the national Department of Health in Pretoria
- At least 12 meetings (either face to face or virtual) will be held per annum
- PC members will be required to deal in a timely manner with the reading of substantial documentation as well as the production of technical documents
- PC members should be prepared to comply with the code of conduct, declare any conflicts of interests, and be willing to sign a confidentiality acknowledgement and undertaking
- Candidates with conflicting interests may not be appointed

Suitable and interested candidates should forward their comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) and completed application form by no later than the closing date. The application form is available on the website (www.mpr.gov.za). Applications must be submitted to: The Director-General: c/o The Director: Pharmaceutical Economic Evaluations, Ms Ntobeko Mpanza, Private Bag X828, PRETORIA, 0001 and emailed to Ms Ntobeko Mpanza on Ntobeko.mpanza@health.gov.za. Enquiries may be directed to sepupdates@health.gov.za or to Ms Mpanza at Tel: (012) 395 8209 or via e-mail at ntobeko.mpanza@health.gov.za.

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