# ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND VACCINES

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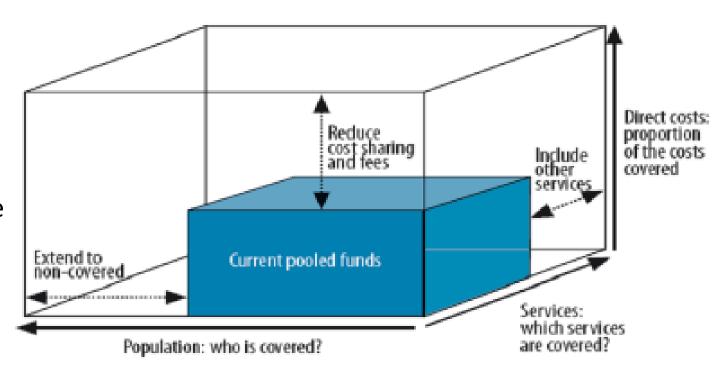
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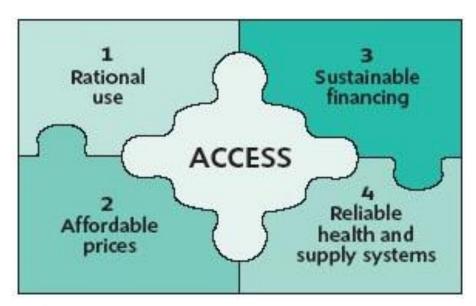
# **Dimensions of coverage**

- Who is covered?
- For which services?
- For what portion of the cost?





### Dimensions of access to medicines







Reforms required to improve <u>coverage</u> as well as access to medicines



# **NHI Principles**

- Right to access health care
- Social solidarity
- Health care as a Public Good

- Equity
- Affordability
- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Appropriateness

NHI White Paper 2017, Pg. 18, Section 2.3





#### Who is covered with NHI

The right to access quality health services will be based on need and not socioeconomic status. NHI will seek to protect the poor and vulnerable populations to ensure that they gain as much as those who are better off at every step of implementation, in pursuit of moving towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

NHI White Paper 2017, Pg. 18, Section 2.2 And Section 5.2 (Population Coverage)







#### What services will be covered: Selection

A process of **priority setting** and **health technology assessment (HTA)** will be used to inform the decision-making processes of the NHI Benefits Advisory Committee to determine the benefits to be covered.

The range of services will be regularly reviewed using the best available evidence on cost-effectiveness, allocative, productive and technical efficiency and HTA.

NHI White Paper 2017, Pg. 35, Section 113







#### **Current Involvement of HC Funders in Selection**

National Essential Medicines List Committee (NEMLC):

Representative from Council of Medical Schemes (appointed in Jan 2017)

#### Adult Expert Review Committee:

- Representative from Discovery during review of 2015 edition
- Representatives from Discovery and GEMS appointed in 2017 for review of 2019 edition

#### **Tertiary Review Committee**

Previous and current representation from Liberty Life and Medscheme





## Improved accessibility

Chronic stable patients...will not be required to travel long distances and wait long hours for their medication. There are several alternatives that are more efficient, including the use of chronic medicine pre-dispensing and delivery to a point closest to the patient.

NHI White Paper 2017, Pg. 36



Chronic Medication Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) programme. Currently over 1.5million patients enrolled.





# **Use of Electronic Systems: Efficiency**

- ePrescribing, dispensing & patients management systems
- Formularies and Standard Treatment Guidelines







This app contains the Primary Health Care Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List for 2015, of the National Department of Health of South Africa. It includes a searchable list of the latest guidelines, decision-support tools and a directory service. A medication stock-out reporting feature is also included. Content updates will follow. This app is aimed at doctors, nurses and oharmacists working in the primary care setting of the South African public sector health service.



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### **EMelA:** Essential Medicines Electronic Access

Leveraging innovative technology to support electronic management of:

- Selection processes
- Formulary management
- Standard regimens available for prescribers
- Rational medicine use interventions
- Adherence support







# **ePrescribing Tool: Efficiency = Access**

- Improve HR efficiencies by reducing unnecessary administrative duplication by professionals in the care continuum.
- Reduce administrative costs of acquiring and verifying prescriptions.
- Reduce health system costs associated with medication errors and irrational prescribing.







# **ePrescribing Tool: Efficiency = Access (2)**

- Patient convenience prescription ready when they arrive.
- Verification of registration & privilages
- Rational medicine use (efficiencies)
  - ICD 10 and STG based prescribing.
  - Triage
    - Green pre authorised
    - Amber Needs clinical review
    - Red Needs authorization





# **ePrescribing Tool: Efficiency = Access (3)**

- Paper based users.
  - Verification
- Bar coded prescription pad or stickers
- Prescription items
  - Reverse engineering
  - Pick items
  - Scan bar code
  - Match with STG ie STG
    - Increased fee for pharmacist reduced for prescriber



 Question – will the private sector partner with the NDoH this time?



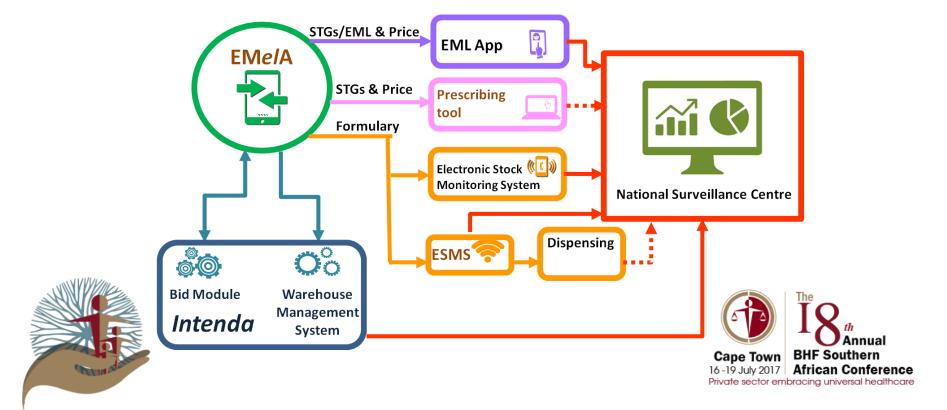


# Master Data Management supporting Access to Medicines

- Integrated network of systems and processes
- Master Health Product Catalogue
- Master Supplier Catalogue
- Master Facility List
- Electronic data interchanges
- Barcode technologies for 'track and trace'



# **Integrated System Approach**



# **Visibility & Analytics Network**

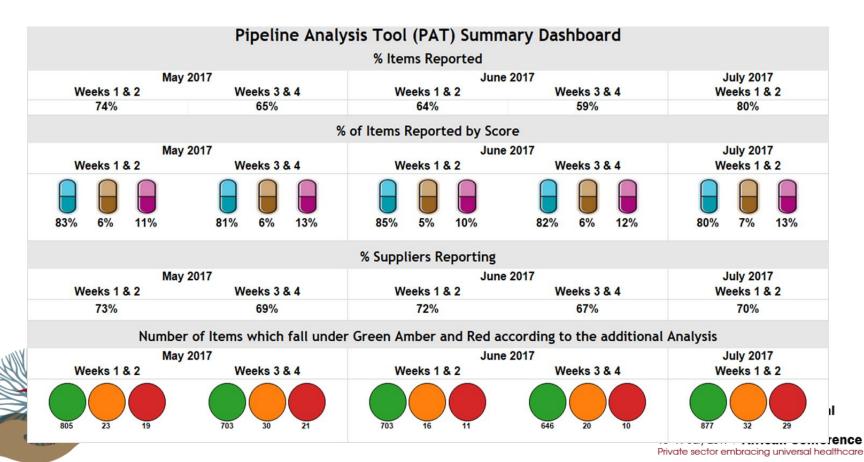
Improved information about patient numbers & treatment = improved analytics for:

- Selection & rational medicine use interventions
- Supply chain planning
- Budget forecasting
- Service delivery quality and performance monitoring

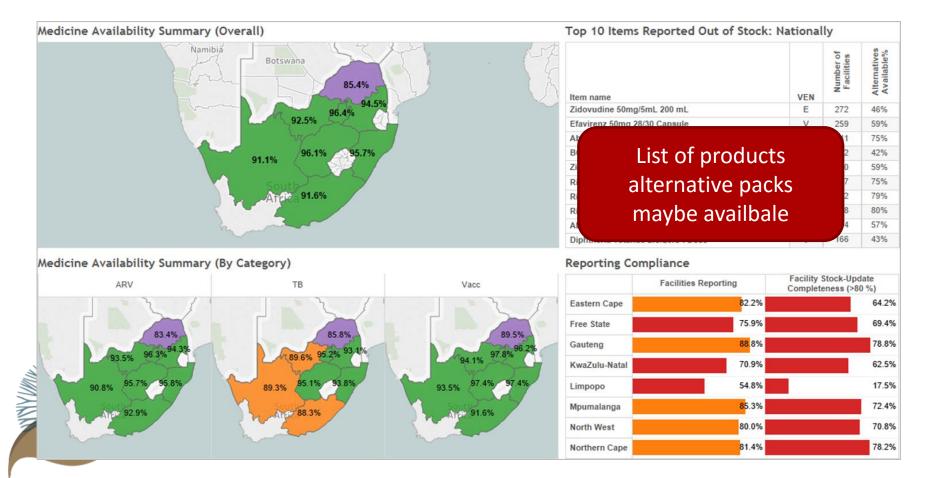




### **Demand Planning**



#### **Stock Visibility Systems**



# **THANK** YOU







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