

LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME

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1. Introduction

The Legislature is an arm of Government that drives Democratic processes aimed at drawing dividends of Democracy to the People.

Every Member of the Legislature desire to leave his People better than he met them by attracting Socio-Economic Benefits to them.

The People having elected them have confidence and trust in the fact that they will give them effective representation by projecting their interest and aspiration.

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE

1. Law making for good governance
2. Oversight functions for accountability, monitoring for proper implementation of Govt. policies and programmes.
3. Appropriation: Authorizing allocation and distribution of resources for development of the Economy.
4. Effective representation

3. CRS LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION

Citizen friendly

Solution architects

Solution Engineering

In the phase of economic recession, Health sector needs to be strengthened so that People can withstand the recession by being creative, innovative, articulate with energy to diversify into other sources of revenue like Agriculture.

HFG / USAID

An opportunity was offered by HFG /USAID in a training workshop held in Lagos between June 27th to July 1st 2016 on Health care financing.

Interest and capacities of Stakeholders was strengthened on the benefit of health care financing to achieve universal health coverage and the need to develop legal framework to guide the implementation of the Health Insurance Scheme

PASSAGE OF CRSHIS

- Considering the importance of having a legal framework for the implementation of the scheme vis-à-vis benefits to be derived, the process of passing the Bill started and we approached as a private member Bill with support from HFG, MOH, FMOH and Templates from NHIS.
- Lobbying members
- Notice of Bills
- First Reading
- Second Reading
- Public Hearing
- Third Reading
- Assent by His Excellency, The Governor.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CRSHIS LAW

- a. To establish CRS Health Insurance Scheme.
- b. Promote and Implement CRSHIS
- c. To ensure that all residents have access to effective, quality and affordable health care services.
- d. Protect Families from the financial hardship of huge medical bills and discourage out-of pocket expenses on health.
- e. Limit inflational rise in the cost of health care services.

- f. Protect the Vulnerables
- g. Ensure equity distribution of health care cost across different income groups.
- h. Maintain high standard of health care delivery services within the health sector.
- i. Ensure efficiency in the health care delivery system

CONTENT OF BILL

- Provide framework for sustainable health care financing that all parties must obey.
- Sources of funding of the scheme;
 - (a) Budgetary provision
 - (b) Mandatory statutory deduction from taxable adults.
 - (c) Grant donations and any other sources.
- It defines the rules and responsibilities of the stakeholders in the system.
- It creates governance and institutional framework that can define the right and responsibilities of stakeholders.

CHALLENGES

- Role of Labour Union
- Political appointments
- Management of the funds

CONCLUSION

Proper Oversight functions is needed to ensure effective monitoring of the scheme to achieve a desired objectives.

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