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# GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### NATIONAL HEALTH ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 61 OF 2003)

#### NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH ACT NO 61 OF 2003: NATIONAL HEALTH NORMATIVE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR INTEROPERABILITY IN EHEALTH

I, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, Minister of Health hereby make notice that I have approved the National Health Normative Standards Framework for Interoperability in eHealth in terms of Section 74 (1) and (2) of the National Health Act No 61 of 2013.

The National Health Normative Standards Framework for Interoperability in eHealth prescribes the following requirements:

- (a) any Patient Information System which is used and/or intended for use in the health sector in South Africa should comply with National Health Normative Standards for Interoperability in eHealth;
- (b) any Patient Information System which is used and/or intended for use in the health sector in South Africa must be subjected to conformity assessment to ascertain its level of compliance with National Health Normative Standards for Interoperability in eHealth;
- (c) conformity assessments must be carried out independently;
- (d) certificates of conformity in compliance with National Health Normative Standards for Interoperability in eHealth must be issued;

- (e) the National Department of Health must allocate a budget to establish and maintain the foundational national shared eHealth infrastructure (e.g. health information exchange, demographic registries, shared clinical repositories, and security and audit services).
- (f) the National Department of Health must allocate a budget to establish and maintain a "connectathon" which will be used for compliance assessment;
- (g) the National Department of Health must establish a National eHealth Standards Board to govern and maintain the implementation of the National Health Normative Standards Framework for Interoperability in eHealth, as well as the standards referenced in the Framework; and
- (h) the National Department of Health must publish and update, when necessary, the Health Normative Standards Framework for Interoperability in eHealth.

Copies National Health Normative Standards Framework for Interoperability in eHealth can be obtained from the National Department of Health's website: [www.doh.gov.za](http://www.doh.gov.za).



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**MINISTER OF HEALTH**

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