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UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BOARD NOTICE:
INGESTION OF AROMATHERAPY OILS

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) is a statutory health body established in terms of the Allied Health Professions Act, 63 of 1982 ("the Act") in order to control all allied health professions, which includes Ayurveda, Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, Osteopathy, Phototherapy, Therapeutic Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Reflexology and Unani-Tibb.

Section 3 of the Act, sets out the objectives of the AHPCSA, which include but are not limited to:

- Assist in the promotion and protection of the health of the population of the Republic of South Africa; and
- Govern, administer and set policy relating to the professions registered with the AHPCSA.

Section 1(2)(b) of the Act, read together with section 32 (1) of the Act, delineates legal scopes of practice.

The AHPCSA, after due consideration and in consultation with the Professional Board: THERAPEUTIC AROMATHERAPY, THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE THERAPY AND THERAPEUTIC REFLEXOLOGY (PBARM), and taking into account sections 4 and 10C of the Allied Health Professions Act (63/1982) ("the Act"), Regulation 49 of

Regulations No R 2610 of 3 December 1982 and Regulation 28 of Regulation No R 127 of 12 February 2001, resolved that: -

- Advising patients to ingest any aromatherapy oil or administering such orally to patients does not fall within the legal scope of practice for registered Therapeutic Aromatherapists.

Should the AHPCSA become aware of any registered therapist advising patients to ingest oils of any kind, such person shall face disciplinary action in terms of sections 23 to 30 of the Act.



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