

**BOARD NOTICE 742 OF 2025****HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA****HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974 (ACT NO. 56 OF 1974)****ETHICAL RULES OF CONDUCT FOR PRACTITIONERS REGISTERED UNDER THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT, 1974: AMENDMENT.**

The Health Professions Council of South Africa intends, under section 49 of the Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974), and in consultation with the professional boards, to make the rules in the schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations in writing on the proposed amendments to the Registrar, Health Professions Council of South Africa by e-mail at: [ntsanem@hpcsa.co.za](mailto:ntsanem@hpcsa.co.za) for the attention of the Legal Advisor: Legislative drafting within three months from the date of publication of this notice.

**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

1. In these rules “**the rules**” means the Ethical Rules of Conduct for Practitioners registered under the Health Professions Act, 1974 published under Government Notice No. R. 717 in *Government Gazette* No. 29079 of 04 August 2006 as amended by Government Notice No. R68 in *Government Gazette* No. 31825 of 02 February 2009, Government Notice No. R654 in *Government Gazette* No. 33400 of 30 July 2010, Board Notice No. 26 in *Government Gazette* No. 36183 of 01 March 2013, Board Notice No. 373 in *Government Gazette* No. 47632 of 01 December 2022, and Board Notice No. 512 in *Government Gazette* No. 49720 of 17 November 2023, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the rules shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates.

**Amendment of rule 1 of the rules**

2. Rule 1 of the rules is hereby amended by the substitution, for the definition of “Appropriate healthcare, of the following definition –

“**Appropriate healthcare**” means healthcare delivery which is expected to deliver clinical benefits of care that outweigh the expected negative effects to such an extent that the treatment is justified.

**Amendment of rule 18 of the rules**

3. Rule 18 of the rules is hereby amended by the substitution, for sub rule (1), of the following sub rule –

“(1) A practitioner shall accept a professional appointment or employment from employers approved by the council only in accordance with a written contract of appointment or employment which is drawn up on a basis which is in the interest of the public and the profession.”

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