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## COMMUNIQUE OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC) MEETING OF ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (ANPMP) HELD AT FESTIVAL HOTEL, AMUWO ODOFIN, LAGOS ON SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2024.

### PREAMBLE

The National Executive Council (NEC) meeting of the Association of Nigerian Private Medical Practitioners (ANPMP) held on Saturday, 2nd March, 2024 at Festival Hotel, Lagos, to deliberate on critical issues affecting the Health Sector with more focus on Private Medical Practice.

The meeting had in attendance members of the National Officers Committee, ably led by our most dynamic, indefatigable President, Kay A. Adesola; Chairmen and General Secretaries of our State Chapters. It also had in attendance, a Past President of the Association and currently, a Board of Trustee (BoT) member, Dr. Anthony A. Omolola, DMP and other prominent members from the Lagos Chapter.

The meeting lasted for over Ten hours with several far-reaching major resolutions.

### OBSERVATIONS

NEC observed with dismay, the attitude of Government to issues affecting Doctors in Private Practice such as:

- a. Multiple Taxation
- b. Treatment of Gunshot / Emergency victims without clearcut compensation mechanism
- c. Double standards in relating to Public and Private Health facilities especially in the face of similar economic constraints.
- d. Refusal to bring the National Health Insurance / State Health Insurance Schemes to ACCEPTABLE and EQUITABLE standards that can guarantee Universal Health Coverage.
- e. The overwhelming crises and dangerous health consequences of the rapid Naira depreciation and poorly mitigated inflationary trend that has almost paralyzed the business of Private Healthcare delivery across the nation.



## RESOLUTIONS

### NEC resolved;

1. That having reviewed the state of affairs of Health Insurance passionately, bearing in mind the deliberate shortchanging of Private Practitioners via the abysmally suboptimal Capitation and Fee for Service that have remained stagnated for over the past 12 years despite the daily rising cost of drugs, consumables, diesel, salaries e.t.c and which have in turn, greatly destroyed and impoverished us as providers, we have therefore, resolved to empower our Leadership to pursue a more aggressive Advocacy to all Stakeholders of the National and State Health Insurance Schemes through whatever is deemed fit to bring succor to our members. We may also call for a total boycott of all Health Insurance Schemes by all our provider members across the country.
2.
  - i. That the National Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance System (NEMSAS) was a laudable scheme, whose judicious implementation was to impact positively on Private Medical Practices as well as save several lives. We therefore implore Government to ensure prompt and efficient running of this organ of Governance across the nation.
  - ii. While upholding our pledge as vanguards rendering humanitarian services including treatment of Gunshot wounds and emergencies, we however reject the aspect of the NHAct of 2014 that prescribed draconian punishments for providers that fail to meet up with certain impracticable demands of the law.
  - iii. We equally demand for a prompt revisit of the money yearly voted for these emergency treatments that have never been so applied.
  - iv. We implore the Senate to revisit our submissions at the recent Senate Committee Investigative Public Hearing of 6th February, 2024.
3. That the Association will do as much as it can to improve the welfare of her members through different initiatives, including but not restricted to building a viable Cooperative and Thrift Society, Group Life Insurance, our Monthly Continuous Medical Education, Exploring avenues for Grants etc.
4. That the Security Situation in the country has continued to go from bad to worse. The latest Kidnap of one of our members, Dr. Austin Uwumagbe, in Kogi State 6 months ago, is a case of reference. We call on the Security Agencies to do all that it entails to urgently secure the release of Dr. Uwumagbe.

5. That the State of Insecurity in the nation is alarming and Government should step up efforts.
6. That we maintain and further improve on our relationship with the NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, as her private arm and enjoin all our members across the nation to get more involved in her activities.

### CONCLUSION

We look forward to receiving our teeming members and guests at our forthcoming International Scientific Conference / Annual General Meeting tagged 'NIGER 2024' in Minna from 24th to 28th April, 2024.



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