

### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

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# ON SPEAKER'S KAMUKUNJI ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (UHC)

#### Honourable Members,

- 1. As you may be aware, the enactment of the Social Health Insurance Act No. 16 of 2023, established three health Funds, namely the Primary Health Care Fund (PHCF), the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), and the Emergency Chronic and the Critical Illness Fund (ECCIF), all managed by the Social Health Authority (SHA).
- 2. The said Act provided a framework that succeeded the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) with the intention of enabling the government to achieve its commitment of providing comprehensive Universal Health Care (UHC) to all citizens.
- 3. **Honourable Members**, the Ministry of Health rolled out the UHC Programme on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, and the progress has been encouraging, despite a few challenges. Indeed, several Members of this House have voiced concerns from the electorate regarding some of the teething problems in the implementation of the UHC Programme.
- 4. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I have received and acceded to a request from the Cabinet Secretary for Health, seeking to engage with all Honourable Members on various matters relating to implementation of the UHC Programme.

- 5. I therefore invite all Honourable Members of the National Assembly to a *Speaker's Kamukunji* to be held tomorrow, **Tuesday**, **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024** in the Members' Restaurant at **12.15 pm**, and not 7.00am as earlier communicated.
- **6. Honourable Members,** during the *Kamukunji*, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and her team will apprise Members on the following matters relating to the implementation of UHC—
  - (i) The Progress of UHC Rollout;
  - (ii) The Progress of the SHA registration process;
  - (iii) The benefits package and applicable tariffs; and
  - (iv) The means testing tool.
- **7.** So as to enable Members to attend the *Kamunkunji* as scheduled, I direct an earlier adjournment of the House at 12.00 noon, instead of 1.00pm.

I thank you!

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024