

Government establishes a National Health Procurement Board to lower health costs

BY MABEL KEYA SHIKUKU (KNA)

The Government has constituted a National Health Procurement Board to handle bulk purchasing of health products and technologies.

The Principal Secretary in the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni said the move is aimed at lowering the cost of healthcare products through economies of scale.

Ms Muthoni said the Board will lead to the establishment of a fully integrated and interoperable health information ecosystem to drive patient-centric services, prevent fraud, and improve responsiveness, efficiency, transparency and sharing of health data among health providers.

The PS was speaking in Naivasha during training of trainers (ToTs) for Community Health Promoters (CHPs) drawn from all the 47 counties in a bid to up-scale primary health care networks in the counties.

Ms Muthoni at the same



Principal Secretary in the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards Ms. Mary Muthoni addressing the press.

time said the Government will engage 100,000 CHPs to manage the Smart Primary Care Network (PCN) which will be launched by President William Ruto during this year's Mashujaa Day on October 20 in Kericho County whose theme is "Universal Health Care".

She said the CHPs will work and train people in villages and households on preventive healthcare.

This is in giving priority to primary healthcare (PH) which will in turn help reduce the disease burden in the country by giving more attention to preventive rather than curative healthcare.

In total, 315 primary healthcare networks will be operationalized through the establishment of the governance, coordination, and financial structures for PCN.

These PCNs will foster integration of care across levels of the health system and improve efficiency of the health system by providing care at the optimal level and ensuring that no one is left out.

Additionally, they are expected to create an efficient emergency referral system while improving sharing of resources across levels of care as well as improving data flow for better decision making.

"For a long time, the

country had concentrated on curative rather than preventive healthcare which has seen the disease burden increase in the country and hence, cost of healthcare as treatment is costlier than putting in place preventive measures," Muthoni explained.

She noted that Kenya is restructuring the health service delivery system by shifting the emphasis from curative to "preventive and promotive" health care in order to lower the nation's disease burden and improve the overall livelihoods of Kenyans by providing an efficient integrated and high-quality affordable healthcare.

Ms. Muthoni noted that the government's Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) had identified various gaps in the healthcare system which include inadequate human resources (HC) for health, lack of proper health financing to ensure universal healthcare, and ineffective supply chain for commodity security.

Pharmacy and Poisons Board to develop guidelines on drug safety

BY ROSELYNE KAVOO (KNA)

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board is in the process of drafting new guidelines on good pharmaceutical practices in Kenya in order to address the issue of drug safety and appropriate use of medication.

The Board's Chairperson of the Training and Assessment Technical Committee Prof. Francis Ndemo says the guidelines seek to improve the quality of pharmacy practice and training.

He said medication is now the third leading cause of death in the country hence the need to address drug safety and inappropriate use of medication.

"Drug-related morbidity is on the rise, and these guidelines will help us ensure that we give the best pharmaceutical care

in the country," Prof. Ndemo said.

Speaking in Machakos during a stakeholders' forum, the chairperson, who is also the Dean, School of Pharmacy at the United States International University (USIU), said besides the safety issue in the guidelines, the Board would also address manufacturing of poor quality drugs, supply chain management and primary healthcare as envisioned in the Universal Health Care (UHC).

"Pharmacists and pharmaceutical technologists need to be more engaged in the provision of primary healthcare.

"We intend to come up with the best guidelines for pharmaceutical care and we have benchmarked in other countries for the best practices," Prof. Ndemo said.



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