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KMA 220TH NGC Resolutions –Kericho- January 25, 2025

The Kenya Medical Association National Governing Council (NGC) convened in Kericho on January 25, 2025, to address critical issues affecting our members and the healthcare sector. Below is a summary of the resolutions and actionable strategies aimed at ensuring our collective progress:

1. Single Business Permit (SBP)

The ongoing challenges related to Single Business Permit require a multi-faceted approach:

- The NGC to work with other professional bodies through the Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA) to consolidate efforts and amplify advocacy, including the Council of Governors (CoG).
- NEC to write to APSEA to issue a unified statement on the matter.
- NGC to constitute a working group to actively engage the Parliamentary Health Committee and CoG to influence policy and decision-making.

2. ETIMS (Electronic Tax Invoice Management System)

Recognizing the challenges of government financing cycles and taxation, the following resolutions were adopted:

- Establish a working group comprising NGC members, experts in finance, accounting, and taxation to craft solutions and draft a memorandum.
- Push for mechanisms to write off uncollectible debts through specialized lobbying.
- Advocate for government budgeting on a cash basis to prevent long-term debts.
- Lobby the Ministry of Finance to consolidate payment systems and facilitate simpler navigation for payers.

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3. SHA (Social Health Authority)

The ongoing delays in patient care and pending bills were highlighted as urgent priorities. Resolutions include:

- KMA to partner with stakeholders such as Rupha, KAPH, and KHF to lead efforts on resolving pending bills.
- KMA Research Committee is to collect comprehensive data on SHA implementation failures and their impact on patient care. Use this evidence to drive advocacy and policy discussions.
- Through the Managed Healthcare committee, advocate for trust, accountability, and clarity from SHA, pushing for transparency in communication and financial processes.
- The Managed Healthcare Committee to establish debt collection mechanisms to assist members in recovering owed payments.
- Push for KMA representation in SHA committees, particularly the Benefits and Tariffs Committee.
- The Research Committee will serve as a repository for KMA data and insights to strengthen advocacy efforts.

4. Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (ODPC)

Recognizing the increasing importance of data protection compliance:

- The ICT Committee will organize webinars to educate members and health facilities on ODPC requirements.
- Engage partners to offer data protection services at discounted rates as part of KMA's member benefits program.

Way Forward

These resolutions represent the concerted efforts of KMA to address pressing challenges and advocate for the betterment of healthcare delivery and professional welfare. Members are encouraged to actively participate in the implementation of these strategies through their respective committees and working groups.

Together, we can build a stronger and more resilient healthcare sector.



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