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### **KMA STATEMENT ON MEDICAL FRAUD IN HOSPITALS IN KENYA**

The Kenya Medical Association is the umbrella body for doctors in Kenya. It has a twin mandate: To champion the welfare of doctors and quality healthcare in Kenya.

The Kenya Medical Association (KMA) would like to address a pressing matter that concerns the integrity of medical services and the healthcare industry in our country. We have been made aware of incidences of medical fraud involving certain medical facilities operating within Kenya following the NTV expose on fraud in hospitals involving NHIF claims aired on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023. These acts of fraud not only undermine the trust placed in healthcare providers but also jeopardize the health and well-being of the patients seeking medical care.

The Kenya Medical Association strongly condemns any form of medical fraud and is committed to working towards eradicating such practices from our healthcare system. We believe in upholding the highest standards of medical ethics and professionalism as evidenced by our Code of Conduct, which our members are bound by. KMA will be looking into cases involving any of their members and will take necessary action. It is imperative that those found guilty of fraudulent activities are held accountable and face appropriate legal consequences.

We support the action taken by the Ministry of Health and urge them to strengthen regulatory bodies by providing them with adequate resources to conduct audits, investigations, and inspections which help detect and prevent fraud.

KMA calls upon the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC), and NHIF to take immediate and decisive action to investigate the cases of medical fraud. We further call upon KMPDC to implement mechanisms to protect whistleblowers who report fraud and encourage individuals with knowledge of unethical practices to come forward.

We note that medical ethics and standards are threatened when there is no proper and standardized co-ordination between the regulator and professional associations. There is urgent need for the establishment of well-defined structures to support self-regulation of the medical profession. KMA is ready to work collaboratively with KMPDC to make self-regulation a reality in Kenya.

We also call upon the public to remain vigilant and report any suspected cases of medical fraud to the appropriate authorities. Patients and their families play a crucial role in identifying and exposing such fraudulent activities, ensuring that the healthcare system remains transparent and trustworthy.

In addition, the Kenya Medical Association will intensify its efforts to educate and create awareness among both healthcare providers and the public about the consequences of medical fraud. We will collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including the government, professional bodies, and civil society organizations, to

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strengthen regulatory mechanisms, enhance transparency, and promote ethical practices within the healthcare sector.

The Kenya Medical Association is committed to the well-being of the Kenyan population and the advancement of medical care in our country. We believe that by working together and upholding the highest ethical standards, we can safeguard the trust placed in our healthcare system and ensure the delivery of quality healthcare services to all.



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