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## SHA Benefits Package Review: What Happened and What You Need to Do

Dear KMA Members,

KMA represented members at the Benefit Package Technical Advisory Panel (BPTAP) stakeholder engagement meeting held on 24th April 2026. Here is what was decided and what you need to do before the October 2026 tariff revision closes.

### WHAT IS BPTAP?

BPTAP is the official Ministry of Health panel, gazetted in February 2025, chaired by Prof. Walter Jaoko, and domiciled at CEMA, University of Nairobi. It determines what SHA pays for, at what rate, and who can access it.

There is a 5-step process from submission of interventions to decision-making:

1. Stakeholder nomination/submission of proposal;
2. SWG Review and Priorities using 9-point criteria;
3. Technical Assessment of shortlisted intervention;
4. Panel Appraisal and formal recommendations;
5. Final Decision by CS in consultation with SHA Board (by Oct 2026).

An intervention, in the context of the BPTAP process, is any healthcare service, medicine, medical device, diagnostic test, procedure, or health programme proposed for inclusion in/or revision of Kenya's SHA benefits package.

### WHAT WAS DECIDED at SWG Review?

BPTAP reviewed 179 interventions submitted between Nov 2025 & 16th March 2026 — 68 from professional bodies — assessed through a rigorous 9-point scoring framework. Outcomes:

- 7 interventions: Ready to proceed to final panel recommendations
- 12 interventions: Included in principle; wording revisions needed
- 26 interventions: Promising but require Technical Assessment before a decision
- 24 interventions: Deferred to future cycles
- 23 interventions: Classified as already covered under existing tariffs

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Full outcomes will be published at <https://bptap.health.go.ke/interventions>

## **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

The 26 interventions requiring more evidence will undergo technical assessment. Research institutions will work with submitting stakeholders to build the evidence base. The next stakeholder meeting after assessment is July 2026. Final recommendations go to the Cabinet Secretary and SHA Board ahead of the 1 October 2026 tariff revision.

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?**

The good news is that the submissions or proposed interventions are a continuous process without deadlines. Submissions are accepted by individuals and organisations on a continuous basis.

Every KMA member can submit directly.

You may also submit a memorandum through KMA or a speciality association.

Submit an intervention:

<https://bptap.health.go.ke/interventions-form>

Email submissions to: [hbtap@uonbi.ac.ke](mailto:hbtap@uonbi.ac.ke)

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When preparing your submission, align it to the 9-point scoring criteria set out in the legislation: clinical effectiveness, safety and quality; disease burden; cost-effectiveness; equity and priority groups; budget impact and affordability; feasibility of implementation; financial protection and catastrophic health expenditure; access to care; and national priorities. Submissions that include patient numbers, clinical outcomes, and cost data from practice score significantly higher.

For reference — current SHA tariffs:

<https://health.go.ke/sites/default/files/202411/TARIFFS%20TO%20THE%20BENEFIT%20PACKAGE%20TO%20THE%20SHI.pdf>

BPTAP is a structured, evidence-driven process. It rewards those who show up with data. The October 2026 revision will shape what SHA funds for years to come. KMA will be present at every stage; we need you there too.

For any clarification or feedback to KMA, email: [nec@kma.co.ke](mailto:nec@kma.co.ke)



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