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NOTICE: COMPLETION OF THE UPLOADING OF THE LATEST CHAPTERS OF THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE AND ADULT HOSPITAL LEVEL STANDARD TREATMENT GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST ON THE EMGUIDANCE MOBILE/DESKTOP APPLICATION

The 2024 editions of the Primary Healthcare (PHC) and Adult Hospital Level (AHL) Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) and Essential Medicines List (EML) have been finalised and were published in July 2025. This includes a consolidated PDF for each level of care, individual chapters with supporting NEMLC reports and supporting technical documents (medicine reviews, costing reports) that have been updated and developed during the 2020-2024 review cycle.

On the 19 June 2025, the Essential Drugs Programme (EDP) of the Affordable Medicines Directorate (AMD) issued a notice, **Reference: 2025/06/18/EDP/02**, informing stakeholders of the delay in uploading the latest chapters of the PHC and AHL STGs and EML to the EMGuidance platform.

This notice serves to inform you that EMGuidance has completed all the chapter uploads of the STGs and EML. There is now alignment with the 2024 editions of the PHC and AHL STGs and EML. The complete editions replace the PHC (2020) and AHL (2019) versions.

The latest versions of the STGs and EML can be accessed on the National Department of Health's website, National Health Insurance (NHI) webpage, Primary Healthcare tab and Hospital Level – Adults tab on the following link: <https://www.health.gov.za/nhi-edp-stgs-eml/> and on the EMGuidance Mobile/Desktop Application. To sign up to the EMGuidance, please click on the link: <http://onelink.to/sy896k>.

Provinces and Healthcare Facilities are requested to distribute and communicate this information in consultation with the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committees for immediate implementation. Kindly share with all healthcare professionals and relevant stakeholders.

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