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DECEMBER 2023 – KENYA IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND SUSPENDED

It is important that employers note the following:

High Court suspends implementation of Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF)

In a Gazette Notice dated 21 November 2023, the Cabinet Secretary for Health set 22 November 2023 as the start date for the Social Health Insurance Act, 2023 (SHIA). This act repeals the National Health Insurance Fund Act, 1989 (NHIF Act).

However, barely a week after the notice was published, the High Court ruled that the implementation of SHIA would be halted until February 2024 owing to inadequate public engagement. This affects the implementation of the Social Health Insurance Fund Act 2023, the Primary Health Care Act 2023 and the Digital Health Act 2023.

Once we receive further information, we will send an update.

Our CRS [news flash](#) of 16 November 2023 contains more information on the Universal Health Coverage plan.

Contact our legislation team on info@crs.co.za if you require any additional information.

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