Supplementary Table 1. South Africa policy documents relevant for Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

| **Publication year** | **Document Name** | **Purpose and Key Features** | **Relevance to HTA**  |
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| 1965 | Medicines and Related Substances Act, 101 of 1965 (1) | Provides for the registration of medicines and other medicinal products to ensure safety, quality and efficacy. The Act also provides for transparency in the pricing of medicines. | This ensures medicines and other products submit to a rigorous regulation process before market access. |
| 1996 | Section 27 of Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act No 108 of 1996 (2) | (1) “Everyone has the right to access to healthcare services, food and security and social services”.(2) “State should take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the realization of this right”. | These rights and measures lay the foundation for the use of evidence-based tools (such as HTA). |
| 2000 | National Health Laboratory Service Act, 37 of 2000 (3) | A statutory body that provides laboratory services to the public health sector. | A public entity providing laboratory services. |
| 2001 | National Health Technology Policy Framework (4) | A framework establishing health technology regulation, assessment and management structure in the health system. | Provides the framework for HTA in the country but has not been implemented. |
| 2003 | National Health Act 61 of 2003 (5) | Provides a framework for a single health system for South Africa. | The framework lays foundation on use of HTA addressing health system issues.  |
| 2005 | The Charter of the public and private health sector (6) | Draft health charter aimed at improving access to quality healthcare in the country, as well as raising black economic empowerment in the sector. | Linked to goal of HTA to provide access and quality health care to patients and public. |
| 2009 | Health Technology Strategy (7) | Discussion document: Suggestion to create a Health Technology (HT) strategy, building on four pillars covering entire lifecycle of technologies. | To operationalize the HT policy framework of 2001; Focuses on medical devices; A draft implementation plan for HTA in the country. |
| 2010 | National Strategic Plan 2010/11 – 2012/13 – “10-point plan” (8) | A plan to ensure provision of healthcare to the population. | Guidelines for maintaining and providing quality health services.Establishment of national health insurance by legislation. |
| 2011 | National Health Insurance (NHI) Green Paper (9) | The first draft of possible course of action in terms of policy and legislation of NHI. | Under NHI a defined comprehensive package of healthcare services and the right to access is ensured. |
| 2012 | National Development Plan 2030 (10) | Long term plan of the South African government in collaboration and consultation with the public. | Detailed blueprint on the pathway to eliminate poverty and reduce inequality – addressing social determinants such as sanitation, education, clean environment which has direct impact on health of the population. |
| 2015 | Medicines and Related Substances Act, 14 (11) | Amendment of Medicines and Related Substances Act, 101 of 1965 leading to changes in regulatory regimen for medical device. | Enabling establishment of South African Health Product Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA). |
| 2015 & 2017 | NHI White Paper (12) | A follow-up of the green paper, laying down the roadmap for implementation of the NHI. | Specifically calls for the use of HTA. |
| 2019 | NHI Bill (13) | Plan towards achieving Universal Health Coverage. | To provide mandatory prepayment health care services to the population according to section 27 of the Constitution. Establishment of Ministerial Advisory Committee on HTA. |

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