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**SAVE THE DATE – Webinar: Free healthcare in South Africa – what the law really says**

*4 November 2022, Johannesburg* - SECTION27 and partner organisations will launch an online publication titled: *‘Free healthcare services in South Africa: A case for all mothers and children, at a webinar on 14 November 2022.*

This publication follows SECTION27’s court application after receiving complaints from pregnant women and mothers of young children who were denied access to free healthcare or were required to pay fees to access healthcare services at public hospitals in Gauteng. The booklet is a collaborative effort between SECTION27, Jesuit Refugee Service, Lawyers for Human Rights, Doctors without Borders, Treatment Action Campaign and Centre for Child Law.

The webinar will focus on what the law says about free healthcare services for people in South Africa. In addition, it will tackle facts and myths surrounding access to healthcare services, including whether or not migrant persons burden the South African healthcare system. The panellists will also give perspectives on the medical consequences of denying people primary and emergency healthcare and the plight of undocumented children in accessing healthcare services.

**Webinar Details**:

Title**: Free healthcare in South Africa: What the law really says**

Date: **14 November 2022**

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MaternalHealthWebinar>

Speakers to be announced soon!

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