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Reference:	Draft ASR Specification & Workshop
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1. The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) publishes the draft technical guideline document (Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return Technical Guideline for the preparation of data Version 5.0) for completing the utilisation section of the Annual Statutory Return (ASR).

2. The updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document will be applicable for use in 2017 for completing the 2016 and 2015 financial years of the Healthcare Utilisation section of the ASR submission.

3. You are requested to submit your comments on the draft specification document to the CMS before **14 November 2016 to lion@medicalschemes.com.**

4. The ASR Technical Guideline must be read together with the following documents:

    - ASR Data Specification v5.0: This workbook contains the layout and field types definitions for the data tables.

    - ASR Valid Codes v5.0: The reference workbook containing tables with valid values for certain key columns specified in the ASR Data Specification v5.0.

- ASR Data Specification Appendix A v5.0: The appendix contains relevant codes for the identification of beneficiaries utilising healthcare services. It should be used only as a guideline for identifying utilisation statistics and is not necessarily a complete list of codes used in the healthcare industry.

- Draft Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 10.0 applicable from 1 January 2016

- Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 9.1 applicable from 1 January 2015

- Code of Conduct in respect of PMB benefits

5. Medical schemes are urged to adjust their systems in line with the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification document.

6. The CMS will host a workshop to address any issues related to the updated specification documents. The workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at the CMS offices in Centurion from 10:00 to 13:00.**

7. Kindly confirm your attendance before **11 November 2016** by sending an e-mail to Busi Khuzwayo (b.khuzwayo@medicalschemes.com).

Kind regards,

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