



## CIRCULAR

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### **Circular 14 of 2013: Invitation to industry to comment on the Protection of Personal Information Bill (POPI)**

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) would like to invite all stakeholders in the medical schemes industry to comment on the proposed Protection of Personal Information Bill (POPI).

The National Council of Provinces is currently piloting the Bill before it is passed into law, and the CMS will be discussing the Bill with the Select Committee on Security and Constitutional Development.

The Bill, once passed into law, will apply to both public and private bodies processing personal information. The Bill inter alia sets out certain conditions which must be met by those who process personal information.

The CMS, regulator of the medical schemes industry, has engaged with the Bill and has formed the preliminary view that, because the entities regulated by the CMS process the personal information of medical scheme beneficiaries, these entities will be significantly affected by the Bill when it is passed into law.

In order to enable the CMS to constructively engage with the Select Committee and formulate an appropriate position which reflects the challenges posed by this proposed legislation to the medical schemes industry, comments from said industry are hereby invited on compliance with POPI .

Your comments, views, and/or concerns should reach Milford Chuene, Legal Advisor at the CMS, by no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013 at [m.chuene@medicalschemes.com](mailto:m.chuene@medicalschemes.com) or fax number 012 431 0623.

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