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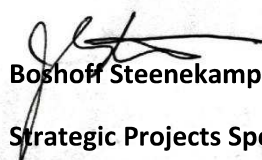
The CMS commenced a process during 2010 to better define PMB benefits through the development of explicit benefit definitions (BDs) for PMB conditions prescribed in the PMB regulations¹.

As part of the process (see Figure 1, page 2), the CMS has received stakeholder submissions, established advisory committees to consider the submissions, and have developed draft BDs. Before finalising these, stakeholders are invited to consider the BDs and comment on these. In particular, the cost impact of these BDs on the exiting cost of the PMB package is important, and to assist the CMS in assessing the impact, the information as requested in the draft methodology (item 1 below, accompanied by the data collection sheet in item 2 below) is critical.

The benefit definitions and documents listed below are available on the CMS website² for consideration and comments.

1. Draft methodology to assess the cost impact of PMB benefit definitions
2. Data collection sheet to estimate the impact of BDs on PMB costs
3. General matters on Solid Organ Transplants
4. Liver Transplant
5. Renal Transplant
6. Heart Transplant

Affected stakeholders are invited to discuss submit written comments, including the cost impact of the BDs in accordance with the data collection sheet, to Ms Baanetse Selebi (b.selebi@medicalschemes.com) by 10 June 2011


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¹ See Circulars 45, 47, 54 and 55 available at:
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Figure 1: Consultative process for finalising benefit definitions

