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### Circular 22 of 2013: Real time monitoring (RTM) of schemes

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) as part of its broader regulatory mandate, monitors, *inter alia*, the financial soundness of medical schemes. There are several tools used to support this function and collect data from medical schemes – one such tool is the Real Time Monitoring (RTM) system which was introduced during 2012 (Circular 20 of 2012), following the completion of the pilot phase in which a selected sample of medical schemes and administrators participated.

We are pleased to report that the RTM system has now fully stabilized and the CMS is now ready to fully implement it.

When consuming the web service, it is important to note that schemes should refrain from merely creating a front end where a user can capture the required indicators. CMS requires schemes to consume the web service, mapping directly to the financial system transactional database or data warehouse used by the scheme and do the passing of the required indicators automatically. For full details, kindly refer to <http://www.medicalschemes.com/files/SysDocs/RealTimeMonitoringSchemes.pdf>.

All medical schemes are directed, as per the provisions of Section 44 (5)(b) of the Medical schemes Act 131 of 1998 ("the Act") to submit the required information no later than four weeks after every month end.

Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 66(3) of the Act, in terms of which any medical scheme which fails to furnish the Registrar with the requisite information, shall be liable to a penalty of R1 000 (one thousand rand), for every day for which the failure continues.

All medical schemes are notified to submit their data per the dates indicated below.

| Month Data | Submission Date      |
|------------|----------------------|
| May        | By 28 June 2013      |
| June       | By 31 July 2013      |
| July       | By 30 August 2013    |
| August     | By 30 September 2013 |
| September  | By 31 October 2013   |
| October    | By 29 November 2013  |
| November   | By 30 December 2013  |
| December   | By 31 January 2014   |

Kindly note that the submission cycle for 2014 onwards will be every four weeks after month end.

Any scheme that has challenges in meeting the above mentioned deadlines are requested to make a written representation to the Registrar. These submissions should be directed to [t.maziya@medicalschemes.com](mailto:t.maziya@medicalschemes.com).

Please take note of the following changes from the original specification:

We have added one more column to the indicators called iYearSubmittingFor, which must correspond to the year you are submitting for.

For technical assistance regarding the development of the web service, kindly contact Rozana Abdul at [r.abdul@medicalschemes.com](mailto:r.abdul@medicalschemes.com), telephone (012) 431 0573.



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