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Reference:	Model Rules discussion document extension
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Circular 24 of 2015: Revision of the Model Rules: discussion document extension

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) released a discussion document on proposed revised Model Rules for Medical Schemes and invited schemes to comment and/or make suggestions by 27 March.

The CMS is in the process of revising the Model Rules and therefore invites industry comments and/or suggestions on the proposed Model Rules prior to the final publication of the document. The document aims to provide guidance to the industry as to the requirements, format and content of scheme rules, in line with Section 29 of the Medical Schemes Act (no. 131 of 1998).

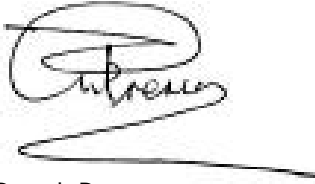
The CMS views the request for comment from the industry as a vital component in the process of revising the Model Rules, as it will ensure that the final document receives wide acceptance and adoption by the industry in the best interest of schemes and beneficiaries.

Due to the number of requests from schemes for extension, CMS has agreed to give extension to all schemes and allow them to properly engage with the proposed Model Rules.

Schemes are also invited to indicate to CMS any areas of lack of clarity. CMS is prepared to schedule a workshop with schemes after receipt of comments. The workshop will focus on areas where more clarity is required to ensure that the final Model Rules document is explicit to ensure compliance in drafting scheme rules and will be scheduled after 20 April 2015.

All comments and/or suggestions can be submitted to m.sehloho@medicalschemes.com on or before 20 April 2015.

Your assistance in this regard is highly appreciated.

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