



Reference: PMB Review Meetings  
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## Circular 28 of 2017: Invitation to PMB Review Consultative Meetings

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) commenced with the planning processes to review the Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs) in 2016. As part of the process, the CMS would like to invite stakeholders to consultative meetings on the review of the PMBs. In terms of the Medical Schemes Act, No. 131 of 1998, PMBs are supposed to be reviewed on the basis of:

- (i) inconsistencies or flaws in the current regulations;
- (ii) the cost-effectiveness of health technologies or interventions;
- (iii) consistency with developments in the health policy; and
- (iv) the impact on medical scheme viability and its affordability on members

The aim of the consultative meetings is to engage key stakeholders in discussions to finalise the structures and processes that will be used to drive the PMB Review. The overall aim of these processes is to review all current PMBs with a view to advice the Minister of Health on a new set of PMBs. The CMS has taken a conscious decision to extend this consultative process in order to allow participation of as many stakeholders as possible. The consultative meetings will take place during the months of May and June 2017. Stakeholders are invited to attend the meetings in line with the schedule outlined below.

Consultative meetings schedule.

Stakeholders	Date
Medical Schemes, Funders groups	17 May 2017
Administrators, Managed Care Organisations, Brokers	19 May 2017
Specialists and the corresponding Professional bodies	24 May 2017
General Practitioners, Allied Professionals, and the corresponding Professional bodies	26 May 2017
Hospitals, Hospital Groups	31 May 2017
Day hospitals	02 June 2017
Consumers, Consumer Groups, Unions	07 June 2017
Research groups	09 June 2017

Confirmations to attend the consultative meetings should be sent to [pmbreview@medicalschemes.com](mailto:pmbreview@medicalschemes.com) by 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. Further details about the meetings will be communicated in due course.



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