CIRCULAR

Reference:	Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Returns
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Circular 30 of 2016: 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Returns for Final Signature

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) has published the 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return for final signature on the ASR portal.

The CMS will conduct further quality checks on the submitted data and will forward error reports to schemes, where appropriate. All identified corrections must be completed before 9 May 2016 by only resubmitting parts with erroneous data. The CMS has generated error reports for the 2014 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Return. If the scheme decides not to update the data, the scheme must send back the error report with comments to lion@medicalschemes.com.

Schemes are reminded that the reported value of the "total benefits paid" must be the "same" between the Healthcare Utilisation and Financial ASR.

Kindly note that the submission date for the signed hard copy of the Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return (ASR) document has been postponed to 13 May 2016.

As per Circular 22 of 2016, the due date for the electronic submission of the Healthcare Utilisation ASR was 26 April 2016.

Submission requirements

In terms of Section 37 of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 (the Act), one set of the following signed documentation must be physically submitted to the CMS, to ensure a complete submission:

- 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return – with the watermark "Final for Signature MM/DD/YYYY";

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 prescribed documentation shall be liable to a penalty of R1,000 (one thousand rand) for every day that the failure continues. Please note that the deadline applies to the receipt of the signed documents by the CMS and not merely the electronic submission.

All queries related to the 2015 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return submission must be e-mailed to lion@medicalschemes.com.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

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