



Reference : Invite to Quality and Health Outcomes workshop
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CIRCULAR 41 OF 2011: WORKSHOP ON QUALITY AND HEALTH OUTCOMES IN MEDICAL SCHEMES

1.1 Introduction

The Regulator of the medical schemes industry, the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) supports the move towards the implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI) which speaks about provision of quality health care for all South Africans. Section 7 (c) of the Medical Schemes Act outlines the function of the Council to include "...making recommendations to the Minister on criteria for the measurement of quality and outcomes of the relevant health services provided for by medical schemes..." with that mandate in mind/ as such the CMS wishes to invite professionals to a workshop on measuring quality and health outcomes in medical schemes. The workshop will take place in **Johannesburg on the 4th November 2011.**

1.2 Private healthcare, quality health care and value for money offered by medical schemes

The CMS is also engaging with role players in the industry to establish common ground and further discuss a model for collaboration. Preliminary discussions with HQA in this regard have already started. We therefore invite your participation in this innovative workshop to engage and discuss the role that the private health sector can play in providing quality health care to their members.

1.3 Objectives of the workshop

The workshop will entail talks from experts in the private health sector and presentations that will cover the following:

- 1.3.1 Understand the factors and principles that are essential for the successful development of quality improvement methods
- 1.3.2 Methodological issues, definition, computation & technical notes on the selected indicators in the framework doc (Including risk adjustment, case mix and reliable source of data)

http://www.medicalschemes.com/files/Discussion%20Papers/FrmwrkMeasuringQuality_HealthOutcomesSchemes.pdf

- 1.3.3 Pitfalls to be aware of when assessing quality health outcomes
- 1.3.4 The role of medical schemes in offering quality care and value for money
- 1.3.5 The role of health professionals in providing quality care and revisiting accountability

1.4 Speakers to include

- Dr. Monwabisi Gantsho/ Prof William Pick (CMS)
- Dr. Piet Du Toit (CDE)
- Mr. Garry Scott (Fifth Quadrant)
- Ms. Ashleigh Theophanides (Deloitte)
- Dr. Brian Ruff (Discovery Health)
- Dr. Rajesh Patel (BHF)
- Dr. Darian van Loggerenberg (SAMA)
- Prof Morgan Chetty (Kwa Zulu Natal Managed Care Coalition Ltd)

1.5 Details of the event

Date: 04 November 2011

Time: 08:00 for 8:30 till 16:00

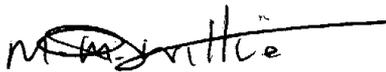
Venue: Birchwood Hotel (Johannesburg – click below link for directions)

<http://www.medicalschemes.com/files/extras/directions.pdf>

Please note that it is important to confirm attendance with Ms Busi Khuzwayo on 0124310529 or by email (b.khuzwayo@medicalschemes.com) by the 25th of October 2011.

We are very excited about this opportunity to discuss, engage and collaborate with the industry on this pivotal matter.

Yours sincerely

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