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## **CIRCULAR 69 OF 2015: Publication of the draft healthcare utilisation data specification document for the utilisation section of the annual statutory return**

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) has published the draft Healthcare Utilisation Statutory Annual Return Technical Guideline ([CMS Technical Guideline V4.0](#)) and you are requested to submit your comments regarding the draft specification before **15 January 2016**. The technical guideline document should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- a. Guidelines for the Identification of Beneficiaries with Risk Factors in Accordance with the Entry and Verification Criteria Version 9.1 (to be published in due course, in the meantime, please refer to [Version 9.0](#))
- b. [ASR Data Specification v4.0](#)
- c. [ASR Valid Codes v4.0](#)
- d. [ASR Data Specification Appendix A v4.0](#).

The updated Healthcare Utilisation Statutory Annual Return Technical Guideline document will be applicable for use in 2016 for the 2016 Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return submission. The submission dates will be communicated in due course.

Medical schemes are urged to adjust their systems in line with the updated Healthcare Utilisation Data specification documents.

The CMS will host a workshop to address any issues that schemes or administrators might have regarding the updated Healthcare Utilisation Statutory Annual Return. The workshop will take place at the CMS Offices on **28 January 2016** at 10am.

Kindly confirm your attendance by **15 January 2016** with Busi Khuzwayo at [b.khuzwayo@medicalschemes.com](mailto:b.khuzwayo@medicalschemes.com).

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