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CIRCULAR 71 OF 2017 : BENEFIT DEFINITION MEETING ON NUTRITION IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE SETTING

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) is inviting stakeholders to a meeting to discuss nutrition in the palliative care setting. The meeting will take place on 1 December 2017 at the Garden Court hotel, O.R. Tambo International Airport. While the CMS acknowledges the PMB review process that is currently underway, there is at this stage a lack of clarity about beneficiary entitlements in the management of some conditions under the current PMB Regulations that needs to be clarified. The benefit definition process seeks to provide clarity to stakeholders in this regard. The guidelines will be updated and reviewed once the PMB review process is finalised.

This meeting will be a follow up meeting to the meeting held on 5 May 2017, where discussions on palliative care were initiated; the CMS is therefore not calling for submissions in this regard. The discussions for the meeting will be based on the document which has been compiled in collaboration with the public sector, please [click here](#) to access the document.

All stakeholders who would like to be part of the clinical advisory committee meeting on 1 December should email their CVs to pmbprojects@medicalschemes.com by **Wednesday, 29 November 2017**. The committee will discuss the document with the aim to achieve consensus on the basket of benefits and care that must be made available for nutrition in the palliative setting.

We look forward to your participation and robust discussions at this important meeting.

Kind regards,

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