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Circular 7 of 2014: The CMS warns stakeholders of the delay in mail delivery

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) wishes to warn all stakeholders of the delay in the delivery of their post as the unprotected strike of the South African Post Office (SAPO) continues.

A Gauteng-based group of SAPO's casual workers embarked on an unprotected strike action on 27 January 2014 and has since ignored the final demand to return to its posts.

As a result, several post offices across Gauteng remain closed; they can be viewed [here](#). According to SAPO, mail moving through Gauteng as well as international items arriving in Johannesburg has already been delayed by at least seven days.

SAPO points out that mail delivery in other provinces is being processed as normal. "Business is proceeding as normal in KwaZulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape, and no employees are on strike. Local mail is connecting, but total mail volumes are low because no mail is coming from the main mail hubs at Witspos and Tshwane in Gauteng," their website says.

Stakeholders are advised to expect mail delivery backlogs and follow up their correspondence with the CMS through other means: telephone 0861 123 267, fax (012) 431 0608, and/or e-mail (information@medicalschemes.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Conradie', is written over a horizontal line.

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