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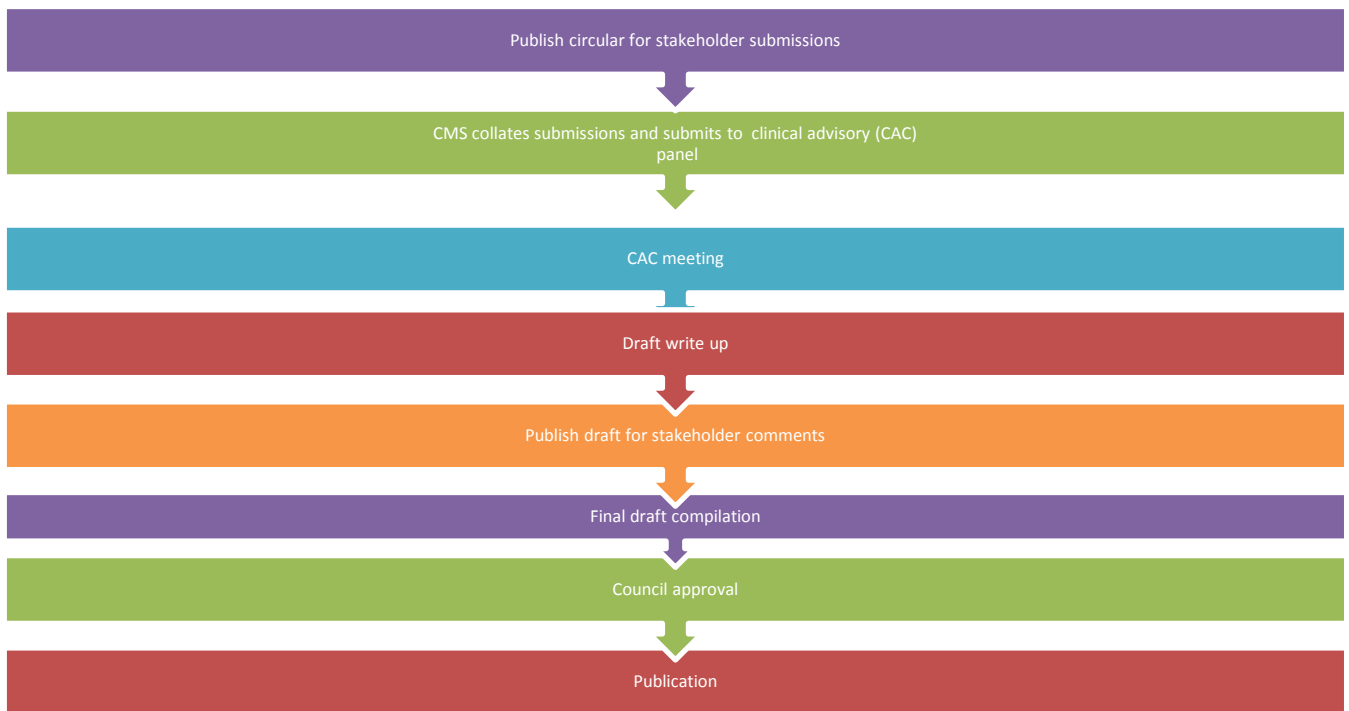
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CIRCULAR 21 OF 2017 : BENEFIT DEFINITION SUBMISSIONS FOR LUNG CANCER AND PALLIATIVE CARE

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) is calling for submissions for benefit definitions for the following conditions:

- Lung cancer
 - Small cell lung cancer
 - Non – small cell lung cancer
 - Mesothelioma
- Palliative care

The CMS acknowledges the PMB review process that is currently underway, however, there is an existing gap identified in the management of some conditions which warrants the need to continuously develop practice guidelines. These guidelines will be updated and reviewed once the PMB review process is finalized. The process for the PMB definition process is once again outlined below:



Please take note of the following dates:

	Due date for submissions	Due date for CVs	CAC meeting date
Palliative care	12 April 2017	31 March 2017	5 May 2017
Small cell lung cancer	12 May 2017	31 April 2017	2 June 2017
Non-small cell lung cancer	12 May 2017	31 April 2017	2 June 2017
Mesothelioma	12 May 2017	31 April 2017	2 June 2017

Please note:

Submissions from different stakeholders should follow the templates provided below and emailed to pmbprojects@medicalschemes.com by the date indicated above.

The CMS would also like to extend an invite to all stakeholders who would like to be part of the clinical advisory committee meeting to email their CVs to pmbprojects@medicalschemes.com. The committee will consider all the submissions received and propose recommendations regarding the basket of benefits and care to be made available in the management of digestive system conditions mentioned earlier. In order to protect the intellectual property of stakeholders, submissions will be treated as anonymous and distributed to committee members only.



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TEMPLATE FOR PALLIATIVE CARE SUBMISSION

Definition of palliative care - this will determine the inclusion and exclusion criteria.

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Management of:	Pharmacological	Non-pharmacological	Level of care	Healthcare professionals and discipline code
Pain				
Respiratory symptoms				
Gastrointestinal symptoms				
Nausea and vomiting				
Dry mouth				
Constipation				
Diarrhoea				
Incontinence of stool and urine				
Anorexia				
CNS				
Confusion/delirium				
Cognitive Failure or symptoms				
Neuro-psychiatric symptoms				
Depression				
Anxiety				
Insomnia				
Dementia				
Incontinence				
Pressure and wound care				
Vascular and haematological disorders				
Lymphoedema				
Anaemia and blood transfusions				
Thromboembolism				
Difficulty swallowing				
Hydration				
OTHER				
Preventative interactions				
Oral care				
Bedsore				

EXCLUSIONS

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TEMPLATE FOR NON SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER, SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER AND MESOTHELIOMA SUBMISSION

- Please provide separate submissions for early and metastatic disease for each of the conditions

Diagnosis basket

Consultations – specify the number of consultations per discipline
Imaging radiology
Imaging procedures
Laboratory investigations
Histopathology
Exclusions

Staging and risk assessment basket

Consultations – specify the number of consultations per discipline
Imaging radiology
Imaging procedures
Laboratory investigations
Histopathology
Exclusions

Response evaluation and follow up

Consultations – specify the number of consultations per discipline
Imaging radiology
Imaging procedures
Laboratory investigations
Histopathology
Exclusions

Treatment options – if treatment options depend on the stage of the disease please specify this.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Surgical- Chemotherapy – do not give regimen details; only individual drug names- Radiation- Exclusions

Best supportive care

Include any best supportive interventions – e.g. management of cough, brain metastases, breathlessness, hoarseness

Any other comments

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