



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Press release 10 of 2011: Invite to press conference on PMBs

Having won a year-long legal battle to keep the prescribed minimum benefits (PMBs) intact for the benefit of medical scheme members, the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) invites all members of the media to a press conference to discuss the ruling of the North Gauteng High Court which was made this morning.

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 November 2011  
**Time:** 15:30  
**Venue:** Ulwazi boardroom at the Council for Medical Schemes (Pretoria)  
**Address:** Block E, Hadefields Office Park, 1267 Pretorius Street, Hatfield, Pretoria  
S 25° 44' 40.0992" and E 28° 14' 37.3344"  
(click here for directions [www.medicalschemes.com/ContactUs.aspx](http://www.medicalschemes.com/ContactUs.aspx) and scroll down)

PMBs protect members of medical schemes against unforeseen health events which may be financially catastrophic. They are defined in the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998.

PMBs are the minimum level of diagnosis, treatment and care that your medical scheme is obliged by law to cover – and it must pay for all PMB conditions in full and from its risk pool, not from your savings account.

PMBs include 270 serious health conditions such as tuberculosis and cancer, any emergency condition, and 25 chronic diseases, including epilepsy, asthma and hypertension.

Today's judgement can be found on our website ([www.medicalschemes.com](http://www.medicalschemes.com)) or at this link:  
[http://www.medicalschemes.com/files/Judgements%20on%20Appeals/BHFvsCMS\\_Reg8PMB.pdf](http://www.medicalschemes.com/files/Judgements%20on%20Appeals/BHFvsCMS_Reg8PMB.pdf).

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