PRESS RELEASE

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The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), regulator of the medical schemes industry, withdrew the accreditation of Charlene Grigor (BR9974) as a broker of medical schemes as well as that of her healthcare brokerage Charmeir Consultants CC (Org 2638) under Regulation 28C of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 (MSA).

The CMS not only regulates medical schemes, it also accredits managed care organisations, administrators as well as brokers and healthcare brokerages who advise and market medical scheme membership.

According to Mr Daniel Lehutjo, Acting Chief Executive & Registrar of the CMS, "Grigor and her entity did not show the honesty and integrity to fulfil her responsibilities imposed by the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998. Her accreditation as an individual broker has been withdrawn with immediate effect for a period of 4 years."

During this period Grigor may not perform the duties of a healthcare broker as contemplated in the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 and in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002.

According to Lehutjo the CMS first informed Grigor, in a letter on 8 July 2014, of its concern regarding the conduct of Charmeir Consultants CC, which impacted on the fitness and propriety of this brokerage to continue performing services. Grigor was given ample time to respond to these concerns.

After considering the facts of the matter and the written submissions by Grigor Council resolved in a meeting of the Council on 9 December to the withdrawal of her accreditation.

"In the opinion of Council Grigor and her entity are not fit and proper to act as medical scheme brokers," said Lehutjo.

Grigor is required to notify all her client schemes and clients of this sanction applicable to her and her entity as resolved by the Council for Medical Schemes. The Financial Services Board has similarly been notified to enable it to withdraw the license of Ms Grigor and her Closed Corporation.

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