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### Press release 5 of 2014: CMS allegations against the Registrar

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) announced today that it takes cognisance of the press release and issues raised by the Board of Health Care Funders (BHF). Prof Veriava, Chairperson of Council, has already committed in meeting with Dr Humphrey Zokufa, BHF Chairperson, to discuss the concerns raised by BHF.

The process of appointing an independent forensic investigation firm is continuing and regarded as top priority by Council. While the investigation is underway it would be in the best interest of the Registrar and the investigators that the Registrar is not around the office. Therefore the Registrar was informed that his leave will be extended and that this extension will be in effect whilst the investigation is ongoing or a different directive is issued by the Minister of Health.

Mr Daniel Lehutjo, Chief Financial Officer of CMS, will continue to act as Registrar until further notice.

Prof Veriava reiterated his confidence in the management and staff of CMS and confirmed that CMS will continue undeterred with its organisational functioning which is in the best interest of its stakeholders and members of medical schemes. He added that Council stood firm in its conviction that CMS as a statutory body will continue to follow due processes and will continue fulfilling its mandate to protect the interests of medical scheme beneficiaries at all times.

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