

**MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 131 of 1998)****AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF THE  
MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 131 of 1998)**

The Minister of Health, after consultation with the Council for Medical Schemes, intends, in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001, within three months of the date of publication of this notice.

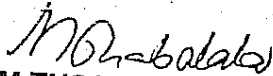
**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

1. In this Schedule, "the Regulations " means the regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 1262 of 20 October 1999, as amended by the following Government Notices: No. R. 570 of 5 June 2000, No. R. 650 of 30 June 2000, No. R. 247 of 1 March 2002 and No. R. 1360 of 4 November 2002 (No. R. 1544 of 13 December 2002 for the Afrikaans version).

**Wysiging van Bylae A van die Regulasies**

2. Annexure A of the Regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for Code 168S in the part entitled "Haematological, Infectious and Miscellaneous Systemic Conditions" of the following:

"Code: 168S  
Diagnosis: HIV-infection  
Treatment: HIV voluntary counselling and testing  
Co-trimoxazole as preventative therapy  
Screening and preventative therapy for TB  
Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections  
Pain management in palliative care  
Treatment of opportunistic infections  
Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV  
Post-exposure prophylaxis following occupational exposure or sexual assault  
Medical management and medication, including the provision of anti-retroviral therapy, to the extent that this is provided for in established national guidelines applicable in the public sector".



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