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Circular 19 of 2008

2009 contribution and benefit changes: Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) is still in the process of finalising the development of a contributions and benefits template, as indicated in Circular 33 of 2007. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the process has been delayed; developments will be communicated to stakeholders in due course. However, schemes are encouraged to follow the submission process as outlined below.

The submission process remains the same as in previous years. The following must be adhered to:

1. In terms of Section 31(3) and Regulation 2(d), the following documents must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar by no later than 30 September 2008:
 - a certified and dated Board resolution with summarised particulars of changes; and
 - two sets of copies (one original) of amendments for registration.
2. Schemes are advised to adhere to the above submission deadline where amendments take effect on 1 January 2009. Please note that the deadline applies only to the receipt of signed copies and not the electronic copy.
3. The submission process in respect of contribution changes remains unchanged and should be completed in the format proposed in **Appendix 1**, as indicated in Circular 40 of 2006. Schemes are once again reminded that where contributions are based on family size, in other words M+1 or M+2, such contributions be broken down as priced for, into Member, Adult and Child, for ease of analyses. This submission must be sent electronically in Excel format.

Chairperson: Prof. William Pick Vice-Chairperson: Dr Saadiq Kariem Chief Executive & Registrar: Patrick Masobe

4. Schemes are reminded that the marketing and operation of any amendments under review as per Sections 31(1) and/or 33(1) is not permitted, as it constitutes transgression of the Act.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KP Matshidze', with a stylized, cursive script.

KP Matshidze
Acting Registrar & Acting Head: Benefits Management