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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A MANAGED HEALTH CARE DISCUSSION FORUM

1. Introduction

The Accreditation Unit at the Council for Medical Schemes evaluates, makes recommendations and manages the accreditation process of managed care organisations in terms of accreditation requirements and standards. A more focused process is being introduced to research, deliberate and improve standards and implement a framework to evaluate the capacity, infrastructure and business models of managed care organisations in order to assess the need for future accreditation in terms of a value proposition for medical schemes and their beneficiaries.

2. Objective:

The purpose of this circular is to invite stakeholders to participate in a Managed Healthcare Discussion Forum to be hosted by the Office and established to improve communication between this Office and the industry and to facilitate a thorough understanding of managed health care delivery, its role in future and to improve the delivery model taking into account best clinical and funding practice and the goal of improving health outcomes.

Please find the Terms of Reference of the Forum and registration form appended hereto for completion and return to Ms Belinda Van der Walt at the contact details indicated on the registration form.

Details and an agenda of the first meeting will be dispatched to persons who have registered.

We are looking forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Kind regards

Danie Kolver
Head of Accreditation
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

MANAGED CARE DISCUSSION FORUM

The Objectives of the discussion forum

1. To enhance communication between the regulator, managed care organisations, medical schemes and clinical experts with a view to promote sound and prudent managed care delivery and to;
2. To develop and support the accreditation process as prescribed in Section 67(1)(m) of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998.

Composition and structure of the discussion forum

- The forum consists of multidisciplinary stakeholders from amongst medical schemes, administrators of medical schemes, managed care organisations and the clinical fraternity as well as staff from the Office of the Registrar of Medical Schemes responsible for the accreditation of managed care entities and matters incidental thereto.
- Stakeholders are invited to participate in a manner which will represent all aspects of managed care delivery including the clinical aspects thereof.
- The invitation is open to all stakeholders. The number of participants is not limited in any way and there is no prohibition against inviting persons who are not accredited or duly represented by accredited managed care organisations, administrators, or medical schemes.
- Expenses and arrangements for travel and accommodation are for the account of participants. Neither the Council nor the Office of the Registrar accepts responsibility for remunerating any participant.
- The Head of the Accreditation Unit at the Council for Medical Schemes is the Chairperson of the forum and the Accreditation Unit provides secretarial services.
- There is no quorum determined for meetings held.

Functioning of the Forum

- The forum functions as a voluntary advisory body to the Accreditation Unit. The forum has no decision making powers but advises the Accreditation Unit and the office of the Registrar on matters of mutual interest in relation to managed care activities.
- The functions of the forum include:

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- To consider matters referred to the forum by participants and the Accreditation Unit and to make recommendations on how to deal with such matters.
- To advise the Accreditation Unit in relation to its managed care functions.
- To improve and enhance the accreditation standards for managed care delivery and the processes adopted to evaluate the skills and infrastructure of managed care entities for accreditation purposes.
- To advise participants on industry developments, constraints and make proposals for discussion with a view to formulating policy and proposed action.
- Frequency of meetings will be determined by the forum with due regard to prioritizing of matters to be discussed.
- Members will from time to time be requested to participate in projects.

Duties of the Secretary of the Committees

The Accreditation Unit shall prepare and distribute agendas, documents and minutes to members electronically. The forum will decide on the process to be followed when urgent matters arise.

Approved by:


PP Acting Registrar of Medical Schemes

Date:

10 March 2010



Registration Form Managed Care Discussion Forum

Name:			
Surname:			
Designation:			
Organisation:			
Nature of business:			
Postal Address:			Postal Code:
Your contribution to the forum i.t.o specific interest, skills and/or experience:			
E-mail:			
Direct Tel No:			
Fax:			
Mobile:			
Dietary requirements			

Kindly attach an abbreviated CV (2 A4 pages)

Kindly note that participation does not include accommodation and travel costs.

If you have any questions please contact Danie Kolver or Ms Belinda vd Walt at (012) 431 0509/10 or e-mail b.vdwalt@medicalschemes.com

Signature:

Date:

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