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### PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL ICD-10 TASK TEAM

#### 1. Background

The role that the ICD-10 National Task Team plays within the healthcare environment as well as the structure of the task team is not always understood by many industry stakeholders.

#### 2. Detail

The Minister of Health gave a mandate in 2004 for the establishment of a National ICD-10 Implementation Task Team that will be responsible for planning, implementation and monitoring of the ICD-10 process in SA. This Task Team functions under the auspice of the National Department of Health (NDoH) and all decisions taken by the Task team are in essence NDoH decisions. The Task Team is represented by members from both the public and private healthcare sectors and all members are involved in the decision-making process for any decisions taken by the Task Team. The Task Team consists of 4 main sub-committees.

Technical: All issues regarding the technical and practical implementation of the ICD-10 Task Teams decisions are discussed and dealt with here. Queries from stakeholders and the industry at large are also discussed in this sub-committee, and any decisions taken at these meetings are ratified at the main Task Team meeting.

Operational: This sub-committee focuses on the communication of the decisions and circulars as approved by the greater ICD-10 task team

Privacy & Confidentiality subcommittee: This deals with all issues related to the privacy and confidentiality between a patient and his/her healthcare professional and how this relates to ICD-10 disclosures.

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Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act 131 of 1998)

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Training: This sub-committee focuses on the training, evaluation and ongoing support for the industry in terms of ensuring there are sufficient coders that are correctly trained and able to function as coders in their respective organisations.

### **3. Conclusion and recommendation**

It is important to note that all industry members, both public and private, are welcome to attend the quarterly Task Team meetings as these are not by invitation only. Any queries, concerns or discussion points can also be tabled at the main ICD-10 Task Team meeting and will be directed to a relevant sub-committee if needs be.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Council for Medical Schemes at [support@medicalschemes.com](mailto:support@medicalschemes.com).

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