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The Guide assumes compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and any additional financial reporting requirement of the CMS, and addresses only the accounting and reporting issues that are specific to entities that carry on the business of a medical scheme. It is very important to note that the Guide is not considered to be complete in all aspects, and readers are advised to read the Guide in conjunction with applicable legislation, Circulars from the CMS and IFRS, where appropriate, to ensure that all areas are adequately covered.

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