



**Trustees and principal officers of medical schemes**  
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## Circular 9 of 2010

### COMPLIANCE WITH CIRCULAR 37 OF 2009: FURTHER EXTENTION OF DEADLINE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PMB TASK TEAM

1. Circulars 37 of 2009 and 7 of 2010 have reference.
2. Pursuant to meetings between this office and various representatives and stakeholders affected by the abovementioned circulars, many stakeholders have indicated their willingness to collaborate with this office to establish a practical framework to improve compliance with the provisions of the Medical Schemes Act, thereby ensuring the delivery of PMBs in a sustainable manner.
3. To address the areas of non-compliance raised in circular 37 of 2009, the Council for Medical Schemes will shortly establish a PMB task team which will be lead by this office. The purpose of this collaborative task team will be to establish a framework for the achievement of full compliance for PMBs.
4. Schemes choosing to participate in the envisaged PMB task team must indicate their willingness to collaborate in writing by close of business on Wednesday 3 March 2010 and nominate representatives who will participate on their behalf.
5. This process, which will conclude its business by 30 May 2010, will include but is not be limited to:
  - a. The identification of any technical barriers to PMB compliance;
  - b. The identification of measures to eliminate or mitigate any technical barriers;
  - c. The development of measures to achieve PMB compliance, including timelines and verification procedures; and
  - d. The completion of a compliance agreement which all participants agree to abide by.
6. The details of the PMB compliance process will be fully outlined to participating schemes, through their designated representative(s), early in March.
7. Schemes and other regulated entities choosing not to participate in the PMB task team, are required to fully comply with the requirements set out in circular 37 of 2009 by close of business on Wednesday 3 March 2010.
8. Stakeholders not meeting the deadlines set out in paragraphs 4 and 6 above, will be subject to the administrative penalties referred to in Circular 37 of 2009.

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