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PRESS RELEASE

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Acting Registrar appointed

The Minister of Health, after consultation with the Council, has appointed Mr Patrick Matshidze as Acting Registrar of Medical Schemes with effect from 27 February 2009. This is in terms of section 18 of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998.

Mr Matshidze will remain Acting Registrar until a permanent Registrar is appointed after due processes have been followed.

Some history

Mr Matshidze obtained his degree in Biological Sciences at the University of Venda and subsequently graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with a BSc (Honours) in 1988. He completed a Masters degree in Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Columbia University in New York in 1997, followed by a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) specialising in Healthcare Management at the Free State University in 2005.

He started his career as an intern at the Medical Research Council in 1992 and later moved to the Reproductive Health Research Unit at the Baragwanath Hospital where he became Deputy Director in Research. In 1998 he joined the private healthcare sector but left two years later to join the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) as a Researcher.

Mr Matshidze became Head of Research and Monitoring in 2004. One year later he became the Acting Head of the new Benefits Management Unit. He was Acting Registrar from June 2008 to January 2009.

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