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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NO. 5517 **6 November 2024**

PROPOSED LEVIES ON MEDICAL SCHEMES ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 3(a) OF THE COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES LEVIES ACT (ACT 58 OF 2000)

The Council for Medical Schemes referred to in Section 1 of the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (Act No. 58 of 2000), hereby proposes the levies on medical schemes, as set out in this Notice. The proposed levies are due to be imposed for the purpose of meeting the general regulatory and administrative costs of the Council for Medical Schemes and the function performed by the Registrar of Medical Schemes. The quantum of the levy has been determined on the basis of the Council's budget and is also based on the number of principal members of medical schemes. The full budget can be viewed on the Council website www.medicalschemes.co.za.

Representation on the proposed levies may be made to the Council not later than **9 December 2024**. Such representation must be forwarded to the Registrar of Medical Schemes and marked for the attention of Mr. M Maswanganyi by post to: Private Bag X34, Hatfield, 0028, via email: v.letswalo@medicalschemes.co.za

By order of the Council for Medical Schemes

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Chairperson: Council for Medical Schemes

4 November 2024

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this notice, unless the context indicates otherwise –

   i. "Council" means the Council for Medical Schemes referred to in the Act;

   ii. "Levy year" means the period from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 and, subject to the provision of this Notice and any amendments, substitution or repeal thereof, such corresponding period in succeeding year in respect of which levies are imposed;

   iii. "Registrar" means the Registrar of Medical Schemes, appointed in terms of Section 18 of the Medical Schemes Levies Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998);

   iv. "The Act" means the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (Act No. 58 of 2000).

Proposed Levies

2. In respect of a medical scheme registered in terms of section 20 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), the proposed levy for the 2025/26 levy year shall be set at an amount of **R51.49** per principal member per year, which shall be paid in two equal installments, the first of which shall be paid not later than 30 April of the levy year, and the second of which shall be paid not later than 30 June of the levy year.

3. In respect of the levy year, the calculation of the levy is based on the number of principal members referred to in item 2 shall correspond with the latest statistics furnished to the Registrar in terms of or by virtue of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) or with the latest certified number of principal members sent to the Registrar by the medical scheme. If a transfer of principal members is in process and not finalized on 31 December 2024, the transferor must pay the levy in respect of the principal members to be transferred.

Payment/Interest on overdue of Levies

4. On amounts of overdue levies, interest will be charged at a rate applicable to a debt owing to the state, as determined by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 80(1) (b) of the Public Finance Management Act.

5. The levies (once finally imposed) and interest (if any) referred to in this Notice shall be paid by a medical scheme directly in the bank account of the Council, the details of which are:

Bank	:	ABSA
Account Holder	:	Council for Medical Schemes
Branch Name	:	ABSA Corporate Branch (Pretoria)
Branch Code	:	517 245
Account Number	:	405 116 3394

6. A deposit advice slip issued by the aforementioned Bank in respect of a deposit contemplated in item 5, received by the Council for Medical Schemes, and bearing the name or the account number (MS number) of the relevant medical scheme, shall serve as *prima facie* proof of payment of a levy.

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