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Department of Health

GENERAL NOTICE 3996 OF 2026

IMPOSITION OF LEVIES ON MEDICAL SCHEMES ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 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), after consultation with the Minister of Health, hereby confirms the imposition of levies on medical schemes.

The notice on the imposition of levies in the government gazette dated 10 April 2026 (no. 54417) notified that once approval has been received for the new levy, the Council for Medical Schemes will make adjustment to the levy already levied to schemes. The above gazette imposed a levy of **R51.49** and the new approved levy is **R53.24**. CMS now imposes a levy amount of **R1.75** being an adjustment to the levy published in the above gazette.

By order of the Council for Medical Schemes

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Chairperson: Council for Medical Schemes

18 June 2026

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 2026 to 31 March 2027** 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).

Imposition

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 adjusted levy is an amount of **R1.75** per member per year, which shall be paid together with the second installment of the levies no later than 31 July 2026 of the levy year. Invoices to schemes will be adjusted accordingly for this payment.

3. In respect of the levy year, the number of 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 members sent to the Registrar by the medical scheme. If a transfer of members is in process and not finalized on **31 December 2025**, the transferor must pay the levy in respect of the members to be transferred.

Payment/Interest on overdue 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 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
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 of the relevant medical scheme, shall serve as *prima facie* proof of payment of a levy.

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