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Press Release 10 of 2020: Passing on of Prof Lungile Pepeta, Chairperson of CMS

It is with sadness to inform you of the passing of the Chairperson of Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), Professor Lungile Pepeta. The CMS, medical schemes industry and the health sector has once again lost a leader to coronavirus (COVID-19). Prof Pepeta had been at the helm of the CMS since June 2020, after the passing of Dr Clarence Mini, who also succumbed to the virus. Prior to this, he had been an ordinary member of the Council since his appointment by the Minister of Health in November 2017.

Ever smiling, Prof Pepeta was a passionate and committed patriot who poured his life to the service of others through his chosen profession. A health worker par excellence, Prof Pepeta specialised in paediatric cardiology, introducing a non-invasive surgery to correct heart defects in children. At the time of his passing he was serving as the Executive Dean: Faculty of Health Sciences at Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth. He lived to see his greatest goal in recent years, which was the establishment of the Medical School at Nelson Mandela University, come to fruition.

The CMS is devastated and deeply saddened by his untimely departure and would like to relay its message of condolence to the Pepeta family, particularly Dr Vuyo Pepeta, the late Prof's wife.

May Prof Pepeta's soul rest in peace, and rise in glory.

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