



Reference: COVID-19 Data Request  
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## Circular 11 of 2021: Claims information for beneficiaries treated for COVID-19

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) has concluded the process of updating the COVID-19 Data Specification for 2021, as such, 2021 submissions should be submitted on this version.

The revised [COVID-19 Data Specification](#) version is with effect from 8 February 2021. The data specification must be read in conjunction with the Healthcare Utilisation Annual Statutory Return Technical [Guideline](#) for the preparation of data Version 8.0 and [Circular 29 of 2020](#). The changes are those as listed below:

1. New part aimed at collecting COVID-19 vaccine related information.
2. New part on financial information (this part was previously submitted in Excel format as per circular 54 of 2020)
3. Inclusion of 7 CdRef tables

A summary of the updates:

Part	Field Name	Amendment
CV1: Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Code</li> </ul>	New field added
CV2: Outpatient Claims Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total amount paid from risk</li> <li>Total amount from savings</li> </ul>	Grouped the amount paid from risk to form <i>Total amount paid from risk</i> , similarly with the amount paid from savings.
CV3: Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nappi Code (10 Digit)</li> <li>Nappi Name</li> <li>Oxygen Support indicator</li> <li>Ventilation indicator</li> </ul>	Four new fields added
CV4: Vaccine data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flu vaccine</li> <li>Pneumonia vaccine</li> <li>Hospital admission</li> </ul>	New part. Most indicators are self-explanatory.  The vaccine indicators relate to beneficiaries receiving a vaccine in the previous 24 months.

		The hospital admission indicator relates to beneficiaries admitted to hospital due to COVID-19 or a COVID-19 related diagnosis
CV5: COVID Financial Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <u>Circular 54 of 2020</u> for original fields.</li> <li>• Two additional fields from the original template have been added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Number of lives vaccinated</li> <li>b. Rand amount spent on vaccinations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>COVID-19 financial data was originally collected via excel template submitted via email, as per circular 54 of 2020.</p> <p>In order to streamline and simplify COVID-19 data collection systems, collection of COVID-19 financial information has now moved into the COVID-19 Data collection submission.</p> <p>The email collection method will still be utilised concurrently for a period of two months, until schemes are comfortable with this new way of submitting data.</p> <p>All fields are explained within the data specification.</p> <p>Financial information is to be submitted on a monthly basis. To note, the data to be submitted from January 2021 onwards is no longer “year to data”, but rather data that is cumulative since the start of the pandemic. Hence data submitted in 2021 should contain data that is already submitted previously in 2020, as it is cumulative.</p> <p>This is to be aligned with reporting of COVID statistics by the NDOH.</p>

Medical schemes are requested to continue to submit data on a weekly basis through the **CMS' Web portal** and **XML Schema Definitions**, with the exception of financial information per CV5 above which is on a monthly basis. Officials from the CMS will be at hand to address all technical queries relating to this data request on the email: [covid19@medicalschemes.co.za](mailto:covid19@medicalschemes.co.za) .

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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