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Dear Dr Kabane

**CHANGES TO THE COVID-19 IMMUNISATION COST RECOVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT MODEL**

Please note that a number of changes will be made to how COVID-19 vaccines are provided to insured and uninsured clients.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023, COVID-19 vaccines will only be distributed to public sector health facilities. The private sector will access the vaccine from the provincial departments of health through designated health facilities, leveraging existing or new Service Level Agreements (SLAs) between the provincial department of health and the private service providers. The province will provide the vaccine free of charge to the private provider, as per the provincial SLA.

Costs associated with COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration should remain a prescribed minimum benefit for insured patients, with the price of the COVID-19 vaccine Janssen® and Comirnaty® (Pfizer) vaccines being zero-rated. This will allow private providers to continue to claim for the vaccine administration cost. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023, the vaccine administration cost will be fixed at R100 (inclusive of VAT) per dose in both the public and private sectors.

Kind regards

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