



## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **CMS TO SUBMIT ITS COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT RAF BILL**

The Council for Medical Schemes has noted a statement released by the Road Accident Fund (RAF) on 20 September 2023 and hence will not comment on it. Our position as stated in our previous commentary remains unchanged.

In protecting the interests of medical scheme members, as prescribed under Section 7 of the Medical Schemes Act, the CMS will submit its comments on the draft RAF Bill.

**Ends.**

**ISSUED BY COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES**

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#### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

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