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CMS ASSURES STAKEHOLDERS OF THE STABILITY OF SIZWE HOSMED MEDICAL SCHEME AND REINFORCED REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) wishes to assure all members, healthcare providers, employer groups, and industry stakeholders of the ongoing stability, sustainability, and regulatory compliance of Sizwe Medical Scheme (Sizwe-Hosmed).

The CMS, as the statutory regulator of the medical schemes industry established under the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998, remains fully committed to protecting the interests of beneficiaries, ensuring that all schemes operate in a manner that is financially sound, well-governed, and compliant with legislative obligations.

Recent administrative and governance interventions at Sizwe Medical Scheme, including changes in curatorship leadership, have been undertaken strictly within the regulatory mandate of the CMS and in the best interests of members. These developments should not be interpreted as instability within the Scheme, but rather as part of normal regulatory processes aimed at strengthening governance, enforcing accountability, and ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the Scheme.

The CMS wishes to clarify the key outcomes of the recent court order, as attached, which provides regulatory certainty and reinforces proper governance within the Scheme.

The High Court confirmed the following terms on 11 February 2026:

1. **Cancellation of the Previous Curator's Appointment**

The appointment of **Ms Lebogang Grace Mpakati** as curator of Sizwe Medical Scheme was **cancelled** in terms of section 5(9) of the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act 28 of 2001.

2. **Appointment of a New Curator**

Mr Ian Fleming was appointed as the new curator of Sizwe Medical Scheme with immediate

effect, in line with earlier orders of the court granted on 4 September 2025 and confirmed on 9 October 2025 by the High Court.

3. Mandatory Handover Obligations

The former curator is required to hand over all information, documents, and equipment relating to the Scheme to the newly appointed curator within **30 days**.

4. Submission of a Final Report

The former curator must submit a **final report** to the Registrar of Medical Schemes within **30 days** of the order.

Registrar of Medical Schemes, Dr. Musa Gumede, stated:

“Our foremost responsibility is to safeguard the interests of members and to ensure that every medical scheme under our jurisdiction remains stable, well-governed, and financially resilient. The regulatory measures applied to Sizwe Medical Scheme are part of our proactive oversight framework and are designed to strengthen not disrupt its operations. Members can be assured that the Scheme remains functional, stable, and capable of meeting its obligations.”

The CMS continues to implement rigorous, proactive monitoring mechanisms to ensure that Sizwe Medical Scheme maintains:

- Strong solvency and liquidity levels
- Prudent financial management and reporting
- Effective governance and fiduciary discipline
- Member-centric service delivery
- Sustainable claims-paying ability

These oversight measures, which include real-time financial surveillance, governance reviews, and mandatory reporting, serve as early-warning safeguards and support the Scheme in maintaining operational stability.

Assurance to Members and Stakeholders

Members of Sizwe Medical Scheme are assured that:

- Their benefits remain secure.
- Healthcare claims continue to be paid in the ordinary course.
- Measures taken by the CMS are protective, not disruptive.
- The Scheme remains fully operational, with no interruption to services.

The CMS acknowledges the importance of Sizwe Medical Scheme in providing essential healthcare cover to thousands of South Africans. We remain committed to supporting the Scheme through a regulatory framework that promotes resilience, transparency, and long-term sustainability.

The CMS will continue to keep all stakeholders informed through transparent communication as regulatory processes progress. We encourage members to rely on official CMS channels for accurate and up-to-date information.

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