

NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

PUBLICATION OF HMI EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS REPORTS

Dear Stakeholder,

1. The Health Market Inquiry (HMI) Panel has over the past week published a series of analytical reports using medical scheme claims for the period 2010-2014. These reports deal with key areas of research and analysis undertaken by the HMI and are listed as follows:
 - Descriptive statistics (updated version including stakeholder input)
 - Attribution analysis (updated version including stakeholder input)
 - Report on responses to issues raised in the data access room
 - Technical Annexure on data analysis methodology and approach
 - Prescribed minimum benefits
 - Funders report on analysis of medical scheme claims data
 - Facilities report on analysis of medical scheme claims data
 - Practitioners report on analysis of medical scheme claims data
 - Expenditure analysis overview of approach and general observations
2. The above documents describe the HMI work to date with regard to expenditure analysis and use empirical evidence to understand the drivers of the costs of private healthcare in South Africa.
3. The HMI has included the “Response to data room submissions” report which the comments, critique and input received from stakeholders is addressed. This report is accompanied by a Technical Annexure prepared by Willis Towers Watson which covers technical issues involved in the analyses. It is aimed at a technical audience.
4. The industry claims data from 2010-2014 acquired by the HMI provides an opportunity to quantitatively describe and understand expenditure trends in order to examine possible cost drivers to private healthcare in South Africa.

5. The interpretation of the findings can only be made in conjunction with other information on and evidence about the functioning of the market. The HMI interpretation will be provided for comment in the Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report which is still forthcoming.
6. The above reports are published for public comment and are available on the HMI page of the Competition Commission website.
7. Stakeholders are invited to provide their comments and input to the HMI by 31 January 2018.
8. For the purposes of facilitating a fair opportunity to comment on the expenditure analyses reports, the HMI will allow access to its underlying confidential information used, which will be restricted to external advisers of affected groups of stakeholders.
9. The external advisers in question will be provided access through the Data Access Room, to be governed by the Access Room rules set out in items 24 – 33 of the Supplementary Guideline No. 2.
10. The Data Access Room will be located at the HMI offices at Trevenna Campus, Block 2A, 4th Floor, 70 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria. Tel: (012) 762 6900.
11. In the interest of efficiency, stakeholders are encouraged to submit their requests for access to the Inquiry Director as soon as possible, indicating the following:
 - (a) The date when they would like to access the Data;
 - (b) Full particulars of external advisers who will be accessing; and
 - (c) The undertaking by each external adviser in the prescribed form or a form substantially similar to Annexure C of Supplementary Guideline No 2.
12. Requests for data access must be specific and illustrate the reasons for access, as well as a description of the data required for review.
13. All requests must be made in writing, in accordance with the prescribed forms annexed to Supplementary Guideline No 2 and submitted to ClintO@compcom.co.za and PaulinaM@compcom.co.za

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