

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**NO. 603**

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**MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 131 OF 1998)**

**AMENDMENT OF GENERAL REGULATIONS MADE IN TERMS OF THE MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998**

The Minister of Health, under section 67 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), and after consultation with the Council for Medical Schemes, intend to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are hereby invited to submit written comments on this proposed Notice to the Director-General: Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Public Entities Governance and Management), within three months from date of publication of this Notice.

**SCHEDULE****Definition**

1. In this Schedule, "the Regulations" means the Regulations published by Government Notice No. R.1262 of 20 October 1999, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R.570 of 5 June 2000; R.650 of 30 June 2000; R.247 of 1 March 2002; R. 1360 of 4 November 2002; and R. 1397 of 6 October 2003.

**Substitution of heading of Chapter 3 of the Regulations**

2. The following heading is hereby substituted for the heading of Chapter 3 of the Regulations:

"Prescribed Minimum Benefits."

**Amendment of regulation 5 of the Regulations**

3. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the addition of the following subregulation, the existing regulation becoming subregulation (1):

"(2) In the case of an account or statement of a hospital, the account or statement must be accompanied by a discharge summary prepared and provided by the attending healthcare provider. Such a discharge summary must contain adequate information to substantiate the diagnostic codes and other item code numbers specified in that account for the purposes of subregulation (1)(f)."

**Amendment of regulation 8 of the Regulations**

4. Regulation 8 of the Regulations is hereby amended—

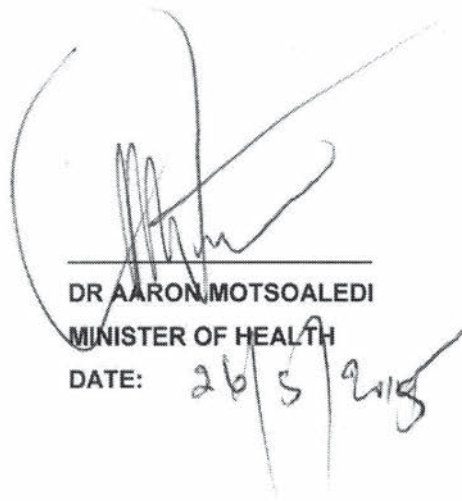
(a) by the deletion in subregulation (2) of the word "and" at the end of paragraph(a);

(b) by the addition of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (b)of subregulation (2);

(c) by the addition to subregulation (2) after paragraph (b) of the following subregulations:

"(c) either- (i) in respect of any service rendered by a health care professional who is registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, medical schemes are liable for payment for services in accordance with the billing rules and the tariff codes of the 2006 NHRPL tariffs published by the Council, the Rand value of which has been adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as published by Statistics South Africa; or

(ii) schemes may negotiate alternative tariffs with any provider of any relevant health service for which no co-payment or deductible is payable by a member."



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