

NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA AND INFORMATION IN HEALTH MARKET INQUIRY (HMI) DATA ACCESS ROOM

Dear Stakeholder,

1. Further to the Notice published on 24 April 2017, notice is hereby given to all stakeholders of the decision to grant access to the HMI Data Access Room. In total six applications were received, but only three stakeholders have been given approval.
2. For purposes of commenting and making representations on the approaches and reasonableness of the results contained in the *Descriptive Statistics and Attribution Analysis* reports, access will be granted to the following stakeholders on the respective dates set out hereunder:
 - (i) Mediclinic
 - Monday 22 May to Thursday 25 May 2017
 - (ii) Life Healthcare
 - Friday, 26 May 2017;
 - Monday, 29 May 2017;
 - Tuesday, 30 May 2017; and
 - Wednesday, 31 May 2017.
 - (iii) Netcare
 - Thursday, 1 June 2017;
 - Friday, 2 June 2017;
 - Monday, 5 June 2017; and
 - Tuesday, 6 June 2017.
3. In addition to the above, representatives of Discovery Health Medical Scheme and Discovery Health have been granted access as observers, for the periods reflected above, in terms of Paragraph 29 of Supplementary Guideline No. 2.

4. The three stakeholders granted access have sought access to the raw data in possession of the HMI and permission to run their own analytical models against the data in question.
5. No raw data will be provided in the Data Access Room and experts will not be permitted to run their own statistical models.
6. The following information will be made available in the Data Access Room:
 - 6.1 Detailed specifications of the raw data, as published by the HMI;
 - 6.2 A sample set of SAS scripts, along with the relevant logs SAS has produced which show the outcome of each step, as well as how the analysis files were created from the raw data;
 - 6.3 A full set of analysis files, both beneficiary and admission files, covering all lives included in the dataset, along with SAS Universal Viewer software which will allow stakeholders to view the contents of each dataset, including the ability to filter and sort data;
 - 6.4 The full set of analyses scripts and logs showing how each individual data extract, which underlies the tables in the reports, was created, including the parameter values for each set of statistical models used in the reports;
 - 6.5 The final extracts, in 'CSV' format, and the Excel spreadsheets which were used to produce the tables and graphs contained in the published reports; and
 - 6.6 Four additional files to assist in dataset verification, namely the comparisons of the HMI and Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) data which underlie Annexures A and B of the *Descriptive Statistics Report*, as well as a claims and demographic summary (by scheme) to allow for completeness testing.
7. Three pre-loaded computers containing the above data will be made available. As such, external experts of stakeholders will not be permitted to bring additional hardware and/or software into the data access room.
8. All viewing and analysis will be conducted inside the Data Access Room and no data will be permitted to be removed.

9. Experts will be able to review the data and information provided, but not be permitted to run their own statistical (SAS) models.
10. A maximum of three external advisors and one legal representative will be permitted in the data room at any one point in time.
11. An HMI expert will be available on site for the first hour of each stakeholder's time allocation in the data access room (09:30 to 10:30), to explain the data provided and orientate experts to the data.
12. The data room will be open from 09:30 to 16:30 on each of the days allocated to the respective stakeholders, with a lunch break from 12:30 to 13:00.

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