

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### ATTENTION MEMBERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Good day,

1. As you are aware that Sizwe Medical Fund ("the Fund") is registered and regulated in terms of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 ("the Act").
2. The Fund is aware of the on-going fraudulent activities in the medical schemes industry wherein service providers and members collude to defraud the Medical Schemes.
3. Note that failure to disclose information regarding fraudulent activities is a criminal offence and punishable by law:

#### ***Section 66. Offences and penalties.***

*(1) Any person who:*

*(a) contravenes any provision of this Act or fails to comply therewith;*

*(b) makes or causes to be made any claim for the payment of any benefit allegedly due in terms of the rules of a medical scheme, knowing such claim to be false;*

*(c) knowingly makes or causes to be made a false representation of any material fact to a medical scheme, for use in determining any right to any benefit allegedly due in terms of the rules of the medical scheme;*

*(d) having knowledge of any fact or the occurrence of any event affecting his or her right to receive any benefit in terms of the rules of a medical scheme, and who fails to disclose such fact or event to the medical scheme with the intent to obtain from the medical scheme a benefit to which he or she is not entitled or a larger benefit than that to which he or she is entitled;*

*(e) renders a statement, account or invoice to a member or any other person, knowing that such statement, account or invoice is false and which may be used by such member or other person to claim from a medical scheme any benefit or a benefit greater than the benefit to which he or she is entitled in terms of the rules of the medical scheme,*

***shall***, subject to the provisions of subsection (2), be guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or to both a fine and imprisonment.

4. Note that both service providers and/or members are equally guilty of offense by your failure to bring fraudulent activities to the attention of the Fund, including misleading the Fund.

5. We confirm the Fund has a team of Forensic Investigators looking into the trend of collusion and lodging of fraudulent claims and failure to assist investigators may lead criminal charges as an accessory or accomplice to the crime.
6. Note that the Fund has the right to withhold funds due to either a member or service provider where there is reasonable suspicion of criminal activities and retains right to either cancel membership, block service provider and report activity to the relevant authorities, i.e. SAPS, HPCSA, SANC amongst others.
7. The Fund appreciates your co-operation and wish to thank both its members and service providers who comply with the Act and the Fund's Rules and in assisting to report unlawful and criminal activities.
8. For reporting illegal or unlawful activities please contact on Fraud Line:

Tel: 0800 204 702

Fax: 0600 007 788

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