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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**NOTICE 196 OF 2021****IMPOSITION OF LEVIES ON MEDICAL SCHEMES ISSUED IN
TERMS OF SECTION 2 OF THE COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL
SCHEMES LEVIES ACT (ACT 58 OF 2000)**

The Council for Medical Schemes referred to in Section 1 of the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (Act No. 58 of 2000), hereby confirms the imposition of levies on medical schemes.

The Council for Medical Schemes is awaiting approval for the new levy proposed for 2020/21 and 2021/22. The levy is being imposed at the 2019/20 approved rate.

Once approval has been received on the new levy from the relevant authorities for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial periods, a notice indicating the adjustments for both financial years will be published.

By order of the Council for Medical Schemes



Dr. M Makiwane

Chairperson: Council for Medical Schemes

08 April 2021

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this notice, unless the context indicates otherwise –
 - i. “Council” means the Council for Medical Schemes referred to in the Act;
 - ii. “Levy year” means the period from **01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022** and, subject to the provision of this Notice and any amendments, substitution or repeal thereof, such corresponding period in succeeding year in respect of which levies are imposed;
 - iii. “Registrar” means the Registrar of Medical Schemes, appointed in terms of Section 18 of the Medical Schemes Levies Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998);
 - iv. “The Act” means the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (Act No. 58 of 2000).

Imposition

2. In respect of a medical scheme registered in terms of section 20 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), the levy to be paid with effect from 01 April 2021 is **R38.67** per member per year, which will be adjusted once the new levy has been approved.

The levy shall be paid in two equal instalments, the first of which shall be paid no later than 30 April of the levy year, and the second of which shall be paid not later than 31 July of the levy year.

3. In respect of the levy year, the calculation of the levy is based on the number of principal members referred to in item 2 and shall correspond with the latest statistics furnished to the Registrar in terms of or by virtue of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) or with the latest certified number of principal members sent to the Registrar by the medical scheme. If a transfer of principal members is in process and not finalized on **31 December 2020**, the transferor must pay the levy in respect of the principal members to be transferred.

Payment/Interest on overdue of Levies

4. On amounts of overdue levies, interest will be charged at a rate applicable to a debt owing to the state, as determined by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 80(1) (b) of the Public Finance Management Act.
5. The levies (once finally imposed) and interest (if any) referred to in this Notice shall be paid by a medical scheme directly in the bank account of the Council, the details of which are:

Bank : ABSA
Account Holder : Council for Medical Schemes
Branch Name : ABSA Corporate Branch (Pretoria)
Branch Code : 517 245
Account Number : 405 116 3394
6. A deposit advice slip issued by the aforementioned Bank in respect of a deposit contemplated in item 5, received by the Council for Medical Schemes, and bearing the name of the relevant medical scheme, shall serve as *prima facie* proof of payment of a levy.

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