



# Section 59

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Dear [\*\*\*]

## **SECTION 59 INVESTIGATION PANEL - PROBE OF ALLEGED RACE DISCRIMINATION BY MEDICAL SCHEMES FOR THE COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES**

1. On 25 June 2019 the Council for Medical Schemes ("CMS") issued Circular 45 of 2019 ("the Circular"), publishing the Terms of Reference ("ToR") of the Investigation Panel into several issues mentioned in the ToR ("the Panel"). Further information in respect of the ToR and the procedure can be found on the CMS Investigation Website.
2. In carrying out its functions under the ToR, the Panel has commenced its investigation through a combination of public hearings and non-public interviews. The Panel's second sitting in respect of the public hearings will be held on 20 August, 21 August and 23 August from 10h00 to 16h30.
3. The Panel hereby formally invites you to attend the public hearings in order to make oral submissions to the Panel on the issues identified in the ToR. The Panel would be much obliged if they are informed in advance of the person(s) who will be presenting on behalf of the association on the allocated day and further, if the association intends on submitting any further written submissions, these should be made available to the Panel, well in advance.
4. The current schedule of the public hearings in respect of the association groups will be as follows:

<b>SESSION 2</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
20 August 2019	South African Private Practitioners Forum	11:00 – 13:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
20 August 2019	Independent Community Pharmacy Association	14:00 – 16:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park

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21 August 2019	Elsabe Klinck and Associates (Pty) Ltd	10:00 – 12:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
21 August 2019	HealthMan	13:00 – 15:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
21 August 2019	South African Medical and Dental Practitioners	15:00 – 17:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
23 August 2019	South African Optometric Association	10:00 – 12:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
23 August 2019	Wim Trengove SC  To give expert evidence on Section 9 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa	13:00 - 15:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion
23 August 2019	Dental Professions	15:00 – 17:00	Council for Medical

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29 August 2019	South African Society of Psychiatrists	10:00 – 12:00	Council for Medical Schemes Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue Eco Park Centurion

5. During your session before the Panel, you will be allowed to hand up information and/or documentation in order to assist the Panel with their investigation. Further, it is only members from the Panel that will be allowed to question witnesses appearing before the Panel. Should you wish to obtain further clarification on the process or wish to discuss any aspect before-hand, please do let us know and we assure you that your request will be dealt with by the Panel urgently.
6. It should be noted that any other interested party, members of the public and the media will be allowed to sit-in during these public hearings.

Yours sincerely,

**TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY WITHOUT SIGNATURE**

**The Investigation Panel**  
**Section 59 Investigation**

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