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STATEMENT

Reference: Section 59 Investigation Report
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Notice: Section 59 Investigation & Final Report
Re: Progress & Finalisation of Report

[Joint Statement: Council for Medical Schemes & the Section 59 Investigation Panel]

1. The Council for Medical Schemes (“**CMS**”) and the Section 59 Investigation Panel (“**Panel**”) are aware that Health Care Practitioners, Schemes and Administrators await the finalization and publication of the Panel’s final report relating to its investigation into allegations of *inter alia* racial profiling and unfair investigation processes (“**Report**”).
2. The CMS and the Panel wish to assure all stakeholders and interested parties that the final report is close to completion and will be released and published as soon as possible.
3. Final expert and legal submissions by Discovery Health and Discovery Medical Scheme were received in February and March 2024 and are being taken into account by the Panel in its deliberations.
4. The body of evidence and the legal submissions are extensive and require time for proper analysis and consideration. The CMS and the Panel request the indulgence of all stakeholders and interested parties and reiterate that the finalization of the Report remains a high priority.

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