## NOTICE 211 OF 2015



## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PUBLISH UNDESIRABLE BUSINESS PRACTICE DECLARATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 61(2) OF THE MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 131 OF 1998) AS AMENDED

In terms of section 61(2) of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) as amended, the Registrar of Medical Schemes hereby publishes his intention to declared the business conduct contained in the Schedule hereto as undesirable business practice.

Interested persons are invited to submit written representations to reach the Registrar of Medical Schemes no later than 21 days from the date of the publication of this notice. Representations should be addressed to: The Registrar of Medical Schemes (Attention: Mr Thamsanqa Diniso), Block A Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Street, Ecopark, Centurion, Pretoria, 0157; or by e-mail to: <u>t.diniso@medicalschemes.com</u>.

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## DRAFT DECLARATION

The Registrar of Medical Schemes with the concurrence of the Council for Medical Schemes and the Minister of Health, hereby exercises the power conferred on him by section 61(1) of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) as amended, to make the declaration contained in the schedule to this notice.

## SCHEDULE

It shall be undesirable business practice –

- for any person who renders contractual, administrative or intermediary services to a medical scheme to disseminate any information to the members of a medical scheme using their own logo and/or corporate identity, if such information pertains to matters which are necessary for or incidental to the exercise of the powers of a medical scheme or the performance of that medical scheme's functions in terms of its rules and/or the provisions of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) as amended;
- for any person who renders contractual, administrative or intermediary services to a medical scheme to use the same or similar name and/or brand and/or logo of a particular medical scheme if such conduct, in the view of the Registrar, is likely to create an impression to the general public that such a person carries on the business of a medical scheme.
- 3. for any medical scheme to use the same or similar name and/or brand and/or logo of a person who renders contractual, administrative and/or intermediary services if such conduct, in the view of the Registrar, is likely to create an impression to the general public that such a person carries on the business of a medical scheme.