

CORRECTION NOTICE

Government Gazette 39013, Notice No. 623 for 24 July 2015, was erroneously published with a blank second page. It is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following:

GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH****NO. 664****31 JULY 2015****MEDICINES AND RELATED SUBSTANCES ACT (NO. 101 OF 1965)****REGULATIONS RELATING TO A TRANSPARENT PRICING SYSTEM FOR
MEDICINES AND SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES****(METHODOLOGY FOR THE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE DISPENSING FEE
FOR PHARMACISTS)**

I, DR A MOTSOLEDI, the Minister of Health, have determined on recommendation of the Pricing Committee, in terms of Section 22G of the Medicine and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act No. 101 of 1965 as amended), requests information to be supplied by pharmacists for the methodology of the systematic review of the annual pharmacists dispensing fee.

The Pricing Committee intends to conduct a systematic review for the dispensing fee for pharmacists. Pharmacists in terms of Regulation 10(2) (a) to (d) of the amended Regulations relating to the Transparent Pricing System for Medicines and Scheduled Substances of the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (No. 101 of 1965 as amended), are requested to provide proposals for a methodology for a systematic review which would consider the following factors:

1. Expenditure apportioned to the dispensary within the pharmacy.
2. Revenue apportioned to the dispensary within the pharmacy.

Some considerations for the systematic review of the fee may include:

1. Direct costs such as:
 - a. Human resources e.g salaries
 - b. Equipment e.g computers
 - c. Statutory annual fees

- d. Dispensing-related costs e.g costs of labels, containers, pharmacy licences etc
- e. Reference materials and GPP related subscription materials
- 2. Indirect costs such as:
 - a. Rental
 - b. Advertising
 - c. Other costs (e.g banking charges and switching fees)
- 3. Income such as:
 - a. Dispensing fee claimed for each item dispensed
- 4. Floor space per square meters
 - a. Entire pharmacy
 - b. Dispensing

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments (i.e the proposed methodology and data sources for suggested inputs), on a compact disc and hard copy within three months from the date of publication of this notice to:

The Director- General: national Department of Health
For Attention: Director (Pharmaceutical Economic Evaluations)
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For further enquiries please contact the Directorate: Pharmaceutical Economic Evaluations: telephone: 012 395 8181/8184: emails: dispensingfees@health.gov.za



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DATE: 26/6/2015