

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT, 1998 (ACT No.131 OF 1998)**MEDICAL SCHEMES ACT REGULATIONS: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 67 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), and after consultation with the Council for Medical Schemes, made the Regulations in the Schedule.

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DR ZWELINI LAWRENCE MKHIZE, MP**MINISTER OF HEALTH****DATE:** 24/12/2020**SCHEDULE****Definitions**

1. In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the regulations shall bear such meaning, unless the context indicates otherwise-

“COVID-19” means an acute medical illness caused by a novel coronavirus;

and "the regulations" means Regulations made under the Medical Schemes Act published under Government Notice No. R. 1262 of 20 October 1999, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 05 June 2000, R. 650 of 30 June 2000,

Amendment of the Annexure of the Regulations:

1. "Annexure A of the Regulation is hereby amended by insertion of the Diagnosis and Treatment Pair in the list of Prescribed Minimum Benefits in under the heading "Respiratory System".

Prevention and Treatment: clinically appropriate; vaccination; screening; diagnostic tests; medication; medical management including hospitalisation and treatment of complications; and Rehabilitation of COVID -19."

Short Title and commencement

2. (1) These Regulations are called Medical Schemes Act Regulations: Amendment, 2020.

(2) These Regulations are effective on the day of publication in the government gazette and valid for the period of COVID -19 pandemic as declared by the World Health Organisation (WHO).