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General Notice

NAMIBIA FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY

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DECLARATION OF UNDESIRABLE PRACTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 4(9) OF THE MEDICAL AID FUNDS ACT, 1995

In relation to restrictions and exclusions pertaining to third party claims which are contained in the rules of registered medical aid funds, I hereby declare under section 4(9) of the Medical Aid Funds Act, 1995 (Act No. 23 of 1995) ("the Act") the practice of:

1. Excluding benefits (which would under normal circumstances not have been excluded under the fund rules) merely because the expenditure incurred by a member of a medical aid fund or his or her beneficiary in connection with the rendering of a medical service may be recoverable from another party;
2. Requiring a member of a medical aid fund or his or her beneficiary to reimburse the medical aid fund in a higher amount than the amount that such member or beneficiary has been paid by the third party concerned in connection with the medical expenditure incurred by such member or beneficiary;
3. Not reinstating the value of a member's or beneficiary's benefits with the amount of the reimbursement made to the medical aid fund by the relevant third party in connection with a

benefit paid by the medical aid fund to such member or beneficiary. The reinstatement of the member's or beneficiary's benefits must be made immediately once the medical aid fund has received the reimbursement from the relevant third party; and

4. Not defraying the medical expenditure incurred by a member or beneficiary in an amount equal to the co-payment that the member or beneficiary has made towards his or her medical expenses in the event that a surplus has arisen as a result of a reimbursement made by the relevant third party to the medical aid fund in connection with a benefit paid by the medical aid fund to such member or beneficiary,

as an undesirable practice.

This notice is applicable to all registered medical aid funds and members (including beneficiaries) of medical aid funds. The said notice is issued pursuant to section 4(9) of the Act and any contravention thereof will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

K. S. MATOMOLA
REGISTRAR OF MEDICAL AID FUNDS

Windhoek, 21 August 2017