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CIRCULAR 9 OF 2018: REQUEST FOR HIV, TB AND STI DATA FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (SANAC)

A private sector initiative to facilitate the collection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB), and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) data from registered medical schemes in South Africa, was established between the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) and the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), and approved by the National Department of Health (NDoH), in 2016. Private sector treatment data is reported on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) online reporting tool, on an annual and semi-annual basis.

In line with the above initiative, medical schemes, administrators, and managed care organisations are hereby requested to submit HIV, TB and STI indicators as defined in the data collection tool document attached to this circular. A data specification table has been compiled to assist schemes to submit the required data in the required format, through the Annual Statutory Return Healthcare Utilisation System. The data officers responsible for the submission of the utilisation data are accustomed to this process and are best placed to compile and submit the data to the CMS.

The UNAIDS data 2017 reported that South Africa had a total of **3 900 000** people living with HIV on treatment during the period 01 January to 31 December 2016. During this period, a total number of **260 057** people living with HIV who were on treatment, was reported by medical schemes. This implies that in 2016, **6.7%** of the total number of people living with HIV, who are on treatment in South Africa, were medical schemes beneficiaries. Furthermore, a total of **4 160 961** people living with HIV who were on treatment in the period 01 January to 30 June 2017. During this period, medical schemes reported a total of **278 624** people living with HIV, who were on treatment. This implies that a stable trend was maintained by the private sector since the first half of 2017, i.e. **6.7%** of the total number of people living with HIV, on treatment in South Africa, were medical schemes beneficiaries.

The purpose of the private sector data collection initiative is to ensure inclusivity and meaningful contribution towards the response to the epidemic in South Africa. In addition to providing vital information for the national HIV estimates, data collection by the private sector will assist to provide a clearer depiction of the national response to HIV, TB and STIs.

Principal Officers are hereby requested to facilitate the submission of the required data by no later than **15 March 2018** for the **1 January to 31 December 2017** reporting periods (reporting period is based on the date of service).

Please click on the links below to access the data specification document, web service, and upload tool:

- Data Specification – [SANAC HIV, TB and STI data specification](#)
- Schema Location – [Part SANAC](#)
- OData Location – [Odata](#)
- Web service location – [Webservice](#)
- Utilization windows application tool – [64 bit](#) or [32 bit](#)
- Website - <https://www.medicalschemes.com/ASR/>

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Your corporation will be highly appreciated.



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