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Dear Member

Subject: Update on the NHI Bill

As you are aware, President Cyril Ramaphosa has signed the National Health Insurance Bill into law. We acknowledge this development, which is a significant milestone in South Africa's collective efforts to progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) and improve access to quality healthcare services for all South Africans.

We believe the policy intent is commendable as the NHI is meant to address systemic challenges within our healthcare system to ensure that every citizen has access to the quality care they need, regardless of their socio-economic status.

While we support the objectives of universal healthcare for South Africans, we are also mindful of the funding challenges posed by the current NHI framework, especially given the economic climate. Any healthcare reform must be financially sustainable and respect citizens' rights and choices.

The impact on medical scheme members will by no means be immediate. Realistic timelines for NHI implementation span years, if not decades. Your rights as a medical scheme member will remain unchanged, and your access to privately funded healthcare will continue without interruption. At Witbank Coalfields Medical Aid Scheme our commitment to you remains steadfast, ensuring you have access to sustainable, high-quality private healthcare services now and well into the future.

We assure you that we will continue to actively monitor developments, engage with relevant authorities, and provide updates and communiqués to you on an ongoing basis.

In the interim, we at Witbank Coalfields Medical Aid Scheme are unwavering in our dedication to advocating for your interests and ensuring continued access to quality care for you and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

Witbank Coalfields Medical Aid Scheme