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**RE: Circular 52 of 2019: National beneficiary registry pilot programme**

Dear Dr Kabane

Circular 52 of 2019 bears reference.

Circular 52 of 2019 invites medical schemes to enrol onto a pilot project over the period spanning from the date of publication of the circular to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Furthermore, there is a request for schemes to send CMS the first data dump between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019 and second data dump by 29 February 2020.

The Health Funders Association has previously communicated to the CMS concerns related to medical schemes providing specific data as requested in the Circular. To this end and in an attempt to address this concern, HFA requested a meeting last month with the CMS and the Central Beneficiary Registry IT Governance Committee, to present an alternative mechanism for the collection of beneficiary data that is compliant with all privacy legislation and to engage constructively on how the objectives described in the Circular can be best achieved without compromising personal information. The



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outcomes of this meeting are intended to guide our member schemes on how to proceed in responding to the aforementioned circular.

Unfortunately, CMS postponed the meeting which was originally set for the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Noting the deadlines outlined in the circular, we are now concerned that there will not be sufficient time for our members to respond to the Circular, as we await the outcome of the meeting with CMS.

We therefore request that schemes be given the opportunity to respond to the request after they have considered the outcome of the meeting on 15 August 2019 at which we hope to establish agreement on the best way forward.

We trust that our request meets with your approval.

Many thanks and looking forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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