Dear Psychology Service Provider

POLMED FUNDING DECISION ON EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY CLAIMS

This letter serves as a follow up to communication dated November 2015 to both members and healthcare service providers regarding POLMED’s funding decision relating to the different psychology sub-categories.

Whilst we note and appreciate the different views expressed by both the media and healthcare service providers on this matter, specifically in relation to the interpretation of the outcomes of the recent ReLPAG Court Order, we wish to inform you that from a medical scheme perspective, our funding decisions are subject to the Medical Schemes Act (MSA) and the registered Rules of the Scheme, and will remain as such.

For ease of reference POLMED would like to refer all service providers to Section 32 of the MSA as well as Annexure C, item 34 of the POLMED registered Rules, as quoted below:

- **Section 32 of the MSA:**
  “The rules of a medical scheme and any amendment thereof shall be binding on the medical scheme concerned, its members, officers and on any person who claims any benefit under the rules or whose claim is derived from a person so claiming.”

- **POLMED Rules Annexure C, item 34:**
  “The following services/items are excluded from benefits with due regard to PMBs and will not be paid by the Scheme:
  34. Claims relating to the following: aptitude tests, IQ tests, school readiness, questionnaires, marriage counselling, learning problems, behavioural problems.”

POLMED is in no way prohibiting members from accessing the services of educational- and/or industrial psychologists, provided the funding is paid directly from the member to the healthcare service provider in line with our Rules.

We trust that the above is in order and that the matter be deemed resolved.

Kind regards,

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