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The CEO  
**Namibian Association of Medical Aid Funds (NAMAF)**  
Att.: Mr G Mbapaha  
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Dear Sir

#### ENTITLEMENT TO CHARGE FEES FOR RENEWAL OF PRACTICE NUMBERS

We refer to NAMAF's public notice to "*all Healthcare Service Providers*" informing them of the deadline for renewal of practice numbers by 30 April 2014.

The notice implies to be in terms of "*NAMAF regulations*" and inter alia states that the "*annual renewal fee for 2014 is N\$525.00*"

The only regulations that we know of that were promulgated in terms of the Medical Aid Funds Act were promulgated in Government Gazette No. 1496 on 11 February 1997.

Several regulations in this gazette make provision for payment of certain amounts for certain services. See for instance regulations 2(2), 10, 11 and 12. Fees applicable to these regulations are also listed in Annexure 1 to this document.

Nowhere in the regulations or in Annexure 1 do we find the basis on which NAMAF is empowered to charge healthcare professionals a fee for the renewal of practice numbers as envisaged in regulation 5. In fact, we are unable to understand where NAMAF obtains the statutory powers to enforce renewals on an annual basis.

Kindly provide the legal basis which enables NAMAF to charge such fees, and also the legal basis to do so annually.

Should we not receive your written reply by 14 March 2014 we shall seek further legal recourse without the benefit of your explanations.

Yours faithfully,

**Dr Dries Coetzee**

**CEO**

**(per email)**