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Dear Healthcare Professional,

POLMED AQUARIUM MEMBERS TO NOMINATE THEIR PREFERRED NETWORK GP

Aquarium option principal members and dependents are requested to nominate their Network GP of choice as from the 1st January 2021. POLMED is committed to extending quality and affordable healthcare to our members, hence we established the POLMED General Practitioners (GP) Network to fulfil our obligation as stated in the Medical Schemes Act.

You as the General Practitioner plays an important role in providing our members with comprehensive, cost-effective, and quality primary healthcare services.

In addition, as the gatekeeper you are also responsible for coordinating the members' overall healthcare needs such as early detection of diseases by doing preventative screening annually; management of chronic diseases to minimize the risk of being admitted in hospital; referral for pathology testing and specialized care. Care coordination ensures better clinical outcomes as well as prevents unnecessary use of services and the associated costs which might expose the member to possible co-payments.

One of the benefits when joining POLMED's GP Network, is that you might be nominated as a preferred GP and will be reimbursed at an enhanced fee based on clinical outcomes. Being the nominated network GP will allow POLMED to communicate with you more effectively.

Only Category 1 or 2 of Non-Network GPs who are not on Indirect Payment or under Forensic Investigation are encouraged to join the POLMED GP Network.

A list of POLMED Network GP is published on our website www.Polmed.co.za, this informs all POLMED members where they can reach a Network GP closest to where they reside or work.

Kind regards,

POLMED NETWORKS DEPARTMENT