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Dear Healthcare Practitioner

RE: Enhanced Fees to be paid in addition to Teleconsult (code 0130) and Virtual Consults (code 078330)

As South Africa takes aggressive measures to contain the spread of new Covid -19 infections, more and more practitioners are turning to telemedicine – also known as telehealth – in efforts to flatten the curve. Also, with social distancing likely to be with us for several months after the easing of the national lockdown restrictions, telemedicine is the obvious immediate solution to keep individuals away from crowded doctors’ rooms thereby limiting their exposure to others who may be carrying the virus.

Medscheme is aware that practitioners are experiencing widespread attrition of patients which has resulted in face-to-face consultations plummeting across the board. As a direct result of this, many practitioners are reporting that they have lost significant revenue and expect to continue doing so in to the foreseeable future.

As a gesture of goodwill and in an effort to restore a level of parity between a face-to-face consultation rate (code 0190/1/2) and a consultation performed either by means of a Teleconsult (code 0130) or a Virtual Consult (code 078330), Medscheme in conjunction with specific Schemes under its administration, is pleased to announce that we will be paying an enhanced fee, as per REPI² profiles, to codes 0130 and 078330 respectively. This enhanced fee will be applicable to the Schemes that are listed below and will apply to **network GPs only and is effective from 1 May 2020.**

Scheme Name	Code 0130	Code 078330	CAT 1	CAT 2
AECI	287.00	300.00	85.40	38.50
Bonitas Medical Fund	283.40	300.00	48.00	24.00
Fedhealth Medical Scheme	281.50	300.00	39.40	19.70
MBMed	282.70	300.00	87.80	32.90
Nedgroup Medical Aid	287.00	300.00	44.30	0
Sasolmed	281.60	300.00	95.50	66.00

You are reminded to not add the enhanced fee to the consultation codes (0130 and 078330) as this will be automatically calculated during the claims processing.

In the event that you are not contracted to any of the Schemes mentioned above and wish to participate, you are reminded that our preferred channel of contracting is via E-Contracting. You can view and electronically accept the relevant GP Network Annexure online by visiting www.medscheme.com (login in as a provider → click on Look up Tool → Networks → E- contracts → accept [Scheme] GP Annexure).

Enhanced fees will not be applicable to the following Schemes and their rates of reimbursement are as follows:

Scheme Name	Code 0130	Code 078330
Barloworld	283.40	300.00
Horizon	293.70	300.00
Hosmed	325.40	300.00
MediPos	291.60	300.00
Parmed	279.80	300.00
Polmed	268.80	300.00
SABC	282.00	300.00

Medscheme trusts that this initiative re-assures you of our pledge and commitment to work together with the profession as well as our acknowledgment of your sacrifice and commitment during this pandemic.

Yours sincerely

Medscheme

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