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### **Revenue Notice 4/2020 (Amendment 1)**

ALL HEADS OF HEAD OFFICE COMPONENTS  
ALL DISTRICT/INSTITUTIONAL HEADS

#### **HOSPITAL FEES: SERVICES RENDERED IN RESPECT OF COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)**

1. The contents of this Revenue Notice must be brought to the attention of all officials concerned.

#### **PURPOSE**

2. To guide the institutions on the patient-fee classification regarding the treatment of suspected and confirmed Coronavirus cases.

#### **DISCUSSION**

3. The President Cyril Ramaphosa on Sunday 15 March 2020, declared the COVID-19 global pandemic a National State of Disaster, necessitating a review of the patient fees policy.

#### **POLICY**

4. Persons under investigation that are identified at the Points of Entry / Cape Town International Airport who are managed by the Provincial Health Operational command center, must be treated free at any of the Department's facilities.
5. Patients presenting with suspected COVID-19 infections, must be treated free at any OF THE provincial health institutions. This includes the screening and/or testing of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases.
6. The scope of free treatment rendered to patients presenting with COVID-19 will be determined and guided by the treating clinician.
7. The hospital's Patient Administration System selection for the free services is "Free Services Other" "Infectious Diseases."

#### **MEDICAL SCHEME PATIENTS**

8. Medical scheme members and their dependents must be assessed at the full paying tariffs. Members of the low cost options where the benefits do not cover a particular service may be reassessed per income where applicable.

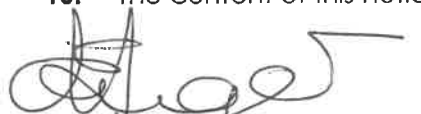
#### **FOREIGN NATIONALS**

9. The following foreign nationals must be assessed in accordance with the means test:

- visitors and foreigners with STUDY PERMITS (Visas), TEMPORARY WORK PERMITS, OR TEMPORARY VISITORS' PERMITS as well as persons from neighboring states (Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland) who enter the RSA illegally;
- Immigrants residing PERMANENTLY in the country who have not yet obtained SA citizenship;
- refugees and asylum seekers;
- Please note: patients with no income and is not a recipient of a social grant will be assessed as H1.

## CONCLUSION

10. The content of this notice will be effective immediately.



**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

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