

injured by robbers, pretending to be Regulatory Authority to apprehend the fake patients. doctors. "A case was opened after Dr Thulani Meanwhile, Vincent Tlala, CEO of the South African Pharmacy Council, said there Tshabalala was attacked in Protea Glen. were no records of bogus pharmacies but no arrests have been recorded in that operating in the country, nor had the body "Dr Vusumuzi Nhlapo was shot in front of come across "fake" pharmacists. - The Citizen (8 September 2022) his patients in Jabulani," reported Business Day (31 August 2022). **NEWS FROM MEDICAL SCHEMES** CMS COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES Care plan for R130/month

According to a draft report, released by the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), allowing medical schemes to offer cheap, pared-down packages limited to basic primary healthcare services could cost as little as R130 a month, and enable at least 2.3-m low-income workers to enter the market, reported *Business Day* 16 September 2022).

The framework includes an exemption from provisions in the Medical Schemes Act that require schemes to provide cover to all its beneficiaries for prescribed minimum benefits

progress in developing the low-cost benefit options (LCBO) framework, which has been in

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Health Squared and ignoring recommendations from concerned stakeholders that the

"According to the CMS, Johannes Seoloane has been appointed as provisional curator of Health Squared. He is expected to take complete control of the scheme and attend to all

'blew millions'

'Blew millions'

"Its publication comes as the regulator faces growing industry criticism for its slow

The Soweto Independent Practitioners'

recording ten armed robbery cases at

Patients have also been robbed and

protect general practitioners after

Association asked the Gauteng police to

Soweto surgeries in the past five months.

According to the Health Professions

Council of SA (HPCSA) 55 people had

working in joint operations with the SA

been arrested in 2021 and 2022 for either

fraud or being bogus doctors. The council is

Police Service and the SA Health Products

"Health Squared, the embattled medical scheme that last month sought voluntary liquidation, has been placed under provisional curatorship with effect from September 8," reported Business Day (12 Sept 2022). "Judge Allyson Crutchfield made the decision after an application by the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS). The CMS has faced criticism for failing to act sooner against

membership."

RAF.

funding pool through fuel levies."

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This is how it happened

Timeline

Provisional curator for

Health Squared

scheme be investigated for possible irregularities.

(PMB)s.

the pipeline since 2015."

complaints and queries from concerned beneficiaries seeking assistance with their Click on the buttons below to read more about the Health Squared saga: Health Squared CMS failed to stop

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Care Services document

scheme's decline

CMS is 'MIA'

On 12 August Discovery Health has launched an urgent Road application in the Pretoria High Court against the Road **Accident** Accident Fund (RAF) and transport minister Fikile Mbalula to interdict the RAF from implementing a directive, **Fund** reported Business Day (26 August 2022).

In terms of the directive, no payment will be made if the claimant's medical scheme has

expense claims by medical scheme members with immediate effect. Schemes pay for

"Discovery said the RAF directive 'unlawfully discriminates against medical scheme

members who can't access RAF medical benefits, despite still contributing to the RAF's

medical expenses arising from a motor vehicle accident in accordance with the benefits due to their members under their policy and then assist them to claim expenses from the

already paid for the expenses. The RAF will cease to pay for all past hospital and medical

CIRCULARS FROM THE CMS No new circulars were published by the CMS in September 2022. **Circular 48 of 2022: Circular 52 of 2022:**

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