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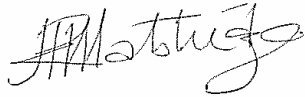
#### **POSTPONEMENT OF PHASE 4 OF ICD-10 IMPLEMENTATION: CLINICAL VALIDATION**

1. The implementation of ICD-10 is being carried out in phases and the first phase commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005. The full implementation of ICD-10; which constitutes phase 4 of the implementation plan and includes clinical validation of all ICD-10 codes as outlined in Circular 32 of 2005, was due to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2006.
2. The National Task Team on ICD-10 implementation has been monitoring the implementation of ICD-10 since the implementation plan commenced. At the beginning of this year, an evaluation of the implementation plan was conducted. In addition, consultations on the implementation plan were held with stakeholders representing medical schemes, administrators, health care providers, regulatory authorities, consumers and a variety of other relevant stakeholders.
3. Based on the outcomes of the evaluation of the implementation plan, and consultations with stakeholders, the task team resolved that more time was needed in order to successfully conclude the implementation of phase 3 of the implementation plan before phase 4 could commence.
4. As a result, the implementation of phase 4 of the implementation plan as outlined in circular 32 of 2005 has been postponed until further notice.

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Should you require further information on the implementation of ICD-10, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Matshidze on the above listed number.

Kind regards,

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