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Dear Member,

**PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ACT (POPIA) – UPDATED PRIVACY NOTICE**

The Protection of Personal Information Act No. 4 of 2013 (POPIA) came into effect on 1 July 2021, with the explicit purpose of protecting your and your beneficiary/ies' personal information. This Act intends to balance the right to privacy with other rights such as access to information and aims to ensure that all South African institutions conduct themselves in a responsible manner when collecting, processing, storing and sharing your personal information.

**Sharing your personal information**

As a member of Medshield, we have access to your personal information and health records provided to Medshield, and do not share or discuss your membership with anyone other than the Principal member of the Scheme (where necessary), the required healthcare professionals and managed care providers, or a third party that you have nominated.

Medshield's secure platforms ensure that certain documents are password protected, or otherwise encrypted so that it is only accessible to the intended recipient. This precaution is not just for Medshield to comply with POPIA – it is an important facet of keeping your medical records private and confidential at all times. At the same time, your membership of a medical scheme requires that certain of your information must be shared, from administrative details such as your banking details for claim reimbursements and medical information that can be shared among your healthcare providers to ensure integrated and effective healthcare. The Scheme's Privacy Notice has been updated and is available on our website at <https://medshield.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-POPIA-Privacy-Notice.pdf>.

We are confident that our secure systems, platforms and protocols protect our members' personal information and the Scheme will continue to provide seamless administration and access to healthcare benefits for all our members.

Kind regards

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