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ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE MEDICAL AID SCHEME (PSEMAS)

1. The Ministry of Finance has received numerous queries regarding an audio clip and an Article circulating in the social network platforms regarding PSEMAS contracts with Health Professionals.
2. It is alleged that as from July 1, 2017, PSEMAS patients will be required to “pay cash for health services rendered and claim back themselves”.
3. The Ministry of Finance would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight and assure PSEMAS members and their dependants, that the Scheme will continue to operate as it has been for all the years.
4. **No PSEMAS contracted health professionals will require PSEMAS patients to pay upfront. If they do, the Ministry of Finance should be informed immediately. In fact, we urge the health professionals to desist from such.**
5. The above notwithstanding, the review of the existing contracts was necessitated after we picked up some loop holes and abuses to the detriment of PSEMAS and to the Fiscus, in particular. The entire medical profession knows exactly what these loopholes are.
6. The public will be informed of the new changes to the contracts once the review process is finalized, ensuring that PSEMAS exists sustainably. Namibia is experiencing a tough financial period and all, health care professionals and PSEMAS members and dependants need to adapt to the times.
7. Any queries on this matter should be forwarded to: Mr Godwin Tjavara (Financial Advisor and Deputy Head of PSEMAS Division) at **061 209 2173** or Ms Ailly Titus (Acting Director Administration) at **061 209 2036** in the Ministry of Finance.

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