

for all costs incurred in delivering the prescribed minimum benefit care that is required.

(7) A member or dependant shall not lose his or her entitlement to any prescribed minimum benefit, regardless of any enhanced option they may choose or as a result of any condition associated with that enhanced option.

(8) Medical schemes may employ appropriate interventions aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of health care provision provided that every option offered by a medical scheme must at least provide full cover for prescribed minimum benefits in at least the public hospital system.

(9) These regulations must not be construed to prevent medical schemes from employing techniques such as the designation of preferred providers, requirements for Pre-Authorization and the application of Treatment Protocols: Provided that in the case of Pre-Authorization a medical scheme must not refuse authorization for the delivery in a public hospital of standard treatment for a prescribed minimum benefit as defined in Annexure A.

(10) Every Medical Scheme must make provision in its rules for the reimbursement of the cost of care that is considered to fall within the Prescribed Minimum Benefits prescribed under these Regulations within all the membership options that the medical scheme offers.

(11) Medical schemes must refer to these Regulations in their rules and such reference may not be a full reproduction of these Regulations.

(12) Medical schemes must specify in their rules whether they restrict the provision of the prescribed minimum benefits under specific membership options to a named network of providers.

(13) The Registrar must determine whether a medical scheme's rules are consistent with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations before approving such rules.