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RE: BONITAS CURATORSHIP APPLICATION

A number of articles appeared in the press this morning following the release of a media statement prepared by the Council of Medical Schemes in which the Registrar states that he has applied to the Court to place Bonitas Medical Fund under curatorship.

Bonitas Medical Fund would like to respond as follows:

Bonitas remains one of the best performing medical schemes in the industry today with a solvency ratio of 34% which is substantially in excess of the 25% required by the Medical Schemes Act. In fact in July 2009, when this investigation was first announced, the Council published a statement on its website confirming that the scheme is financially sound and that members' benefits are not under threat.

The application to place Bonitas under curatorship was lodged late yesterday afternoon (26 January 2010) and the Trustees have not yet had sufficient time to study the application before deciding what action to take.

In his application the Registrar confirmed that the reasons for applying for curatorship "have to do only with the alleged governance problems at the scheme; they are not related to its financial soundness in any way."

Furthermore, the Registrar continues by advising Bonitas' members not to worry about the financial position of the scheme as the application is aimed at protecting members' interests and will only last for a short period of time.

We would therefore like to reassure our valued members that Bonitas remains financially sound and that your benefits and healthcare savings are not affected by this development. We therefore appeal to you and our supporting intermediaries to remain calm and to allow Bonitas to respond to this situation appropriately.

As always, we undertake to act in your best interests and will continue to keep you updated immediately we have further information.

Sincerely

The Trustees