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To: General Medical Practitioner / Specialist Family Medicine – Discipline 014/015

Re: NAMAF 2023 BENCHMARK TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the increases that will be applied to the NAMAF Benchmark Tariffs for General Medical Practitioner / Specialist Family Medicine for 2023. The increases are in accordance with the mathematical model adopted by NAMAF for determining increases in the NAMAF Benchmark Tariffs. NAMAF has previously communicated the detail of the model which principally relies on:

- Tracking the increase in costs across 7 key input cost categories.
- Setting a publicly available, verifiable basis for measuring inflation with respect to each of the cost categories.
- Applying the specific weightings that were communicated previously to the cost categories for each practice type to derive an appropriate weighted average inflation factor for each of the practice types.

The input cost categories, the published inflation measures and increases allowed for each of the cost categories by the NAMAF model for 2023 are set out below:

Input Category	Inflation factor
Clinical Personnel	Year on Year change in the NCPI to June 2022
Non-Clinical Personnel	Year on Year change in the NCPI to June 2022
Utilities: Electricity	A weighted average increase in electricity tariffs across the three urban areas in Namibia

Utilities: Water	A weighted average increase in water tariffs across the three urban areas in Namibia
Property Rental and Related	Year on Year change in the NCPI to June 2022
Food and Beverages	Year-on-year to June 2022 NCPI increase for Food and Beverages
Equipment: Leasing, Repair and Maintenance	NCPI for medical products, appliances and equipment plus the year-to-date movement in the repo rate

NAMAF did not receive any submissions from representatives of General Medical Practitioner / Specialist Family Medicine with respect to proposed changes to the weightings of the input cost factors or extraordinary cost increases that needed to be considered. As a result, the cost category weightings that were applied with respect to the determination of the 2022 Benchmark Tariffs were retained and in the inflation factors described in the table above were applied toward the determination of the 2023 NAMAF Benchmark Tariffs for General Medical Practitioner / Specialist Family Medicine.

By applying the input cost factors listed in the table above and relevant input cost weightings, the effective increase in the NAMAF Benchmark Tariffs for General Medical Practitioner / Specialist Family Medicine for 2023 has been calculated to be 5.89%

Please note any coding changes that may have been requested will be addressed through separate correspondence.

NAMAF wishes to reiterate the fact that the process of determining the NAMAF benchmark tariffs is a continuously evolving process and NAMAF looks forward to your continued engagement in this regard.

NAMAF would like to thank you for your participation in the process and trust that you will find the above in order. However, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Maggie Da Silva Mota on maggie@namaf.org.na should you require any further clarity.

Regards



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