

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE**

**MEDICAL AID FUNDS**

**NAMIBIA FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY**

**No. X**

**2021**

**STANDARDS MADE UNDER THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS ACT, 2021**

The Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority has under section 410(8) of the Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021 (Act No. 2 of 2021), issued the Standards set out in the Schedule.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS ACT, 2021 [Act No. 2 of 2021]

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**Standard No: MAF.S.7.16**

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**Standard No. MAF.S.7.16**

*issued by NAMFISA under section 410(8)(j) of the Financial Institutions and Markets  
Act, 2021*

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**Definitions**

1. (1) In this Standard, unless the context indicates otherwise—
  - (a) “Act” means the *Financial Institutions and Markets Act, 2021* [Act No. 2 of 2021, and includes the regulations prescribed under the Act and the standards and other subordinate measures issued by NAMFISA under the Act;
  - (b) “contribution delinquency” means a state in which contributions to a medical aid fund, that are required to be paid to the fund according to its rules or under the Act by a member and/or an employer that is a contributory to or participatory in the fund as of any date or during any period of time, have not been paid within the period or periods of time following their due dates of payment as required by the rules of the fund or the Act; and
  - (c) “contribution deficiency” as at any date means the amount by which the contributions required to be paid to the fund according to its rules or under the Act by a member and/or an employer that is a contributory to, or participatory in, a fund, exceed the amounts actually paid.
- (2) Words and phrases defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Standard, unless the context indicates otherwise, including without limitation, the following-
  - (a) “board” as defined in section 1 of the Act;
  - (b) as defined in section 321 of the Act—
    - (i) contribution;

- (ii) fund;
- (iii) medical aid fund; and
- (iv) member.

### **Applicability**

2. This Standard applies to all medical aid funds registered under the Act.

### **Period after which contributions are due**

3. Any contribution to a medical aid fund, whether a contribution which, under the rules of the fund, must be deducted from the member's remuneration, any contribution for which the employer is liable under those rules, any contribution for the payment of which the member of the fund is responsible personally, or any contribution to be paid on a member's behalf-

- (a) must be deposited directly into the fund's bank account with a banking institution not more than seven calendar days after the end of the month for which such contribution is payable; or
- (b) must be forwarded directly to the fund in such a manner that the fund receives the contribution not more than seven days after the end of the month.

4. The board of a fund must deposit or cause to be deposited into the bank account of the fund

any contribution forwarded to and received by the fund in the circumstances described in clause 3(b), on the first business day following the day of receipt.

5. The board of a medical aid fund must notify all affected active and retired members of the fund and NAMFISA of a contribution delinquency or of a contribution deficiency within 30 days after the period referred to in clause 3.