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**Namibia NAPPI Product and Price File Implementation Update**

**1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE NAMIBIA NAPPI CODE**

- 1.1** NAPPI (National Pharmaceutical Product Interface) is a globally unique national coding system, owned by MediKredit Integrated Healthcare Solutions (Pty) Ltd ("MediKredit"), for all pharmaceutical, surgical and consumable healthcare products.
- 1.2** A NAPPI code is a unique identifier for a given pharmaceutical, surgical or consumable healthcare product which enables electronic transfer of information throughout the healthcare delivery chain. Tariff codes, on the other hand, are used as the standard for electronic information exchange for procedure and consultation claims.
- 1.3** Namaf appointed MediKredit to assist in developing the Namibian NAPPI Product and Price File, as MediKredit holds the proprietary rights to the unique national coding system.
- 1.4** NAPPI codes enable healthcare providers to claim from medical aid funds for the reimbursement of products via a unique, medical aid fund-recognised, code.
- 1.5** Application for a NAPPI Code is a voluntary process that is initiated by the manufacturer / supplier.
- 1.6** The allocation of a NAPPI code by MediKredit does however not serve as an endorsement or accreditation of the product in question by MediKredit, nor is it a guarantee of reimbursement of any given product by a medical aid fund.
- 1.7** Please note that the registration and evaluation of pharmaceutical, surgical and consumable healthcare products in Namibia fall within the purview of the Namibia Medicines Regulatory Council ("NMRC"), and not MediKredit.

**1.8** The objective of this project is to create a Namibia NAPPI Product & Price File and ensure interoperability with the South African NAPPI Product & Price File by:

- 1.8.1** allocating NAPPI codes to eligible medicines, medical devices and surgical consumable products available in the Republic of Namibia but not in the Republic of South Africa (“RSA”);
- 1.8.2** adding Namibian-specific pricing and product information to existing NAPPI codes of products that are available in both the RSA and the Republic of Namibia;
- 1.8.3** maintaining Namibian-specific pricing based on Namibian list prices received from manufacturers, distributors and suppliers; and
- 1.8.4** Since interoperability of NAPPI across Namibia and South Africa is a requirement of both countries, the NAPPI policy of each country shall not compromise the ability to maintain the interoperability across these countries.

## **2. HIGH-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

**2.1** The following are the implementation milestones and status of each milestone:

<b>2.1.1</b>	Project Plan	Done
<b>2.1.2</b>	Namibia NAPPI Policy	Done
<b>2.1.3</b>	NAPPI Stakeholder Engagements	Continuous
<b>2.1.4</b>	Technical Implementation	In progress
<b>2.1.5</b>	MediKredit Internal Documentation and Training	Done
<b>2.1.6</b>	Supplier Engagement (and Training)	In progress
<b>2.1.7</b>	Communication	In progress
<b>2.1.8</b>	Go-Live Date	To be confirmed
<b>2.1.9</b>	NAPPI File Creation and Distribute	Not started
<b>2.1.10</b>	Post Go Live Monitoring	Not started

## **3. RISKS AND/OR CHALLENGES**

### **3.1 Stakeholder System Readiness**

- 3.1.1** Engagements with stakeholders revealed some stakeholders may not be ready by 1 April 2025 which is the tentative go-live date of the Namibia NAPPI Product and Price File.
- 3.1.2** Further engagements with these stakeholders will be undertaken by Namaf for the medical aid funds and administrators and by MediKredit for practice management software vendors , hospitals, and other healthcare providers.
- 3.1.3** Healthcare professionals, providers, practices and practice management software vendors that use NAPPI codes that have not yet engaged with MediKredit and/or that have not received the Namibian NAPPI File specification and test files must urgently contact MediKredit at the contact details provided below to ensure readiness for the Namibia NAPPI file implementation.
- 3.1.4** Furthermore, stakeholders that have not responded on their system readiness must urgently contact Namaf (*for medical aid funds and their service providers such as administrators*) or MediKredit (*for PMA vendors and healthcare providers*) on the contact details provided below.

## **3.2 Supplier Engagements for Namibian List Prices**

- 3.2.1** MediKredit has proactively reached out to the majority of suppliers and distributors who potentially supply products to Namibia in order to obtain the necessary pricing information specific to Namibia with price history from 1 January 2024.
- 3.2.2** Unfortunately, we have encountered a low response rate to some of these requests.
- 3.2.3** Despite our efforts, the feedback received thus far has been limited, which has resulted in delays in progressing with the project as planned.
- 3.2.4** We encourage all suppliers and wholesalers who have not yet provided the requested information to do so urgently to ensure we can move forward effectively and meet the project's objectives.
- 3.2.5** Suppliers and wholesalers of products supplied to Namibia must please be advised that should we not receive Namibian specific pricing information before the go-live date of the Namibia NAPPI Price file, the file will be implemented without the affected

products which will impact the reimbursement of these products by Namibian medical aid funds.

- 3.2.6** Suppliers and wholesalers will however still be allowed to submit the Namibian pricing information after the go-live date, which will enable the affected products to be included in the Namibian NAPPI Product and Price file.

For any queries or assistance, please refer to the Contact Matrix below:

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