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Dear Member

### BP Medical Aid Society | Contribution increases effective 1 April 2026

The Board of Trustees would like to inform you that, with effect from 1 April 2026, contributions to the BP Medical Aid Society will increase by a weighted average of 11%. This adjustment has been structured so that principal members will experience a lower percentage increase, while adult and child dependant contributions will increase at a higher rate.

We would like to reassure members that the Society remains financially sound. Our reserves are strong, and our solvency level remains comfortably above the regulatory requirement. However, despite this solid foundation, the Society continues to experience financial pressure from the underlying claims environment.

During the past financial year, the total cost of healthcare claims paid on behalf of members exceeded the contributions received. This trend is largely the result of several interrelated factors: the ageing profile of our membership, the high prevalence of chronic conditions among continuation members, and the ongoing escalation in the cost of medical treatment. In the 2025 financial year, continuation members generated an underwriting deficit of approximately R43.8 million. Although investment income has helped to support the overall financial position of the Society, contributions must ultimately keep pace with claims costs if we are to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Society.

The annual contribution adjustment is therefore necessary to ensure that the Society can continue to meet members' healthcare needs, while also maintaining sufficient reserves to protect the Society's future stability.

The revised contributions applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 are set out below:

| INCOME BANDS      | MEMBER RATE | ADULT RATE | CHILD RATE |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| R0 – R2 400       | 900         | 600        | 200        |
| R2 401 – R4 270   | 2 500       | 1 900      | 700        |
| R4 271 – R5 740   | 3 800       | 3 000      | 1 100      |
| R5 741 – R14 000  | 4 800       | 3 600      | 1 300      |
| R14 001 – R28 230 | 5 600       | 4 300      | 1 500      |
| R28 231 – R57 770 | 5 800       | 4 600      | 1 600      |
| R57 771+          | 6 200       | 4 800      | 1 800      |

The **child dependant** contribution rate applies to children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and any other registered dependants of the principal member under the age of 21. It also applies to dependants under the age of 25 who are attending an educational institution, and to dependants under the age of 27 who are mentally or physically disabled. Please note that contributions are only levied on the first three child dependants.

The **adult dependant** contribution rate applies to dependants over the age of 21, excluding those under 25 who are studying, and excluding those under 27 who are mentally or physically disabled.

The contribution table above reflects the total monthly contributions payable to the Society. Employer subsidies for qualifying continuation and bargaining unit members will continue. Active principal members who have converted to Total Cost of Employment (TCoE) remuneration packages are responsible for paying the full contribution, as indicated.

Finally, please note that the above contribution changes and income bands remain subject to approval by the Council for Medical Schemes.

We appreciate your continued support and remain committed to safeguarding the long-term sustainability of the Society for the benefit of all members.

Yours faithfully

**Board of Trustees**  
BP Medical Aid Society