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Dear PATIENT

KZNDHC is an organisation based in KwaZulu-Natal, representing doctors. We would like to express that we are extremely disappointed with the failed negotiations with SAMWUMED.

Whilst SAMWUMED has increased the member contribution (ie. The amount that gets debited from your bank account) by up to 10%, they have not increased the amount that they pay to your GP.

The **expenses** at your doctor has increased every year by more than 7%, and each year it becomes more and more difficult to provide you with quality medical care whilst trying to juggle our costs.

As a result, we have no choice but to charge a co-payment to all SAMWUMED patients.

For 2023, the SAMWUMED rate to a GP is R 430. Other medical aids eg. LA Health pays R544.

We will therefore charge a cash co-payment of R_____ from 1 March 2023

You are reminded that as a member of SAMWUMED, you have the right to decide how your funds are being spent, used or abused. If you feel that the co-payment is unnecessary and that your medical aid should be paying your GP more, we urge you to contact your medical aid and complain to them.

We would also like to note that your GP costs are very low compared to the amounts that your medical aid spends on Specialists and Hospitals.

As always, your GP is committed to your health and this co-payment allows your GP to continue offering you an excellent level of service to you and your family.

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