

MediKredit NAPPI Changes and Information

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Important Notice

REMINDER: EXPANSION OF THE NAPPI CODE TO 7 DIGITS

The National Pharmaceutical Product Interface Code (*or NAPPI Code as it is commonly known*) is an intelligent, unique national coding system for all pharmaceutical, surgical and healthcare consumable products available in the South African private healthcare sector.

MediKredit is the custodian of NAPPI codes for the industry. NAPPI® codes have successfully enabled reliable and efficient online real-time claims processing for almost 30 years in South Africa and there are currently over 320 000 active NAPPI codes in the industry.

Based on the current allocation rate, MediKredit will run out of NAPPI codes during Quarter 2 of 2018.

NAPPI® codes must therefore be expanded to 7 digits to continue meeting the requirements of all industry stakeholders.

The implementation date for this change as agreed to with industry stakeholders will be 1 March 2018, as initially communicated in August 2016, thereby allowing sufficient time to cater for this change.

Please note that it is the responsibility of each organisation affected by the changes to evaluate the impact of this change, then plan and implement their changes by the above-mentioned date accordingly.

Since this change will also affect how organisations interface with each other, each organisation will need to co-ordinate with their interfacing parties to ensure changes are tested and implemented by the implementation date.

For further details of this implementation, please refer to the Technical Guidelines document published on the MediKredit website:

https://www.medikredit.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=213