

MediKredit NAPPI Changes and Information

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Important Notice

7- digit NAPPI Implementation on 1 March 2018

NAPPI® codes have successfully enabled reliable and efficient claims processing for almost 30 years in the South African healthcare industry. There are currently over 320 000 active NAPPI codes in the industry.

Based on the current allocation rate and policies, MediKredit will run out of new NAPPI codes to allocate during March 2018.

As agreed to with industry stakeholders during 2016 and 2017, 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 and as originally communicated in August 2016 will be **1 March 2018**.

Please note that it is the responsibility of each organisation affected by the changes to have evaluated the impact of this change, and to have planned the implementation of their changes by the above-mentioned date.

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

On 1 March 2018 at 00h00, all file layouts containing NAPPI codes must cater for a 7-digit code.

Please be reminded that the existing 6-digit NAPPI codes will neither change in any way, nor be padded or supplemented to convert it into a 7-digit code. Please also note that when an existing 6-digit NAPPI code appears in fixed format file layouts (like the public domain NAPPI file and the MediKredit NAPPI price files), it may be padded / supplemented to appear as a 7-digit code to conform to the requirements of the specific file layout. Please refer to NAPPI Circular N035/2017 published in December 2017 for detailed information on this.

If you use the **public domain NAPPI file**, test NAPPI files have been placed on the MediKredit website since June 2017 as per NAPPI Circular N023/2017.

Should you subscribe to the **MediKredit NAPPI price file**, a test NAPPI file would have been supplied to you via your current ftp folder during June 2017.

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

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

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