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### PRESS RELEASE

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**ACC HQO 19-00 2887 – MRS BEATRICE RACHEL BOOIS (MINISTRY OF FINANCE. MEDICAL AID - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER) AND MRS PATIENCE TULEKA MCVELLEM (BILLING CLERK- PREVIOUS EMPLOYEE OF PRIVATE HOSPITAL) ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED CORRUPTION.**

The Anti-Corruption Commission on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019 respectively, arrested the two above mentioned individuals on corruption charges.

The arrest pertains to their alleged involvement in an alleged criminal enterprise in which the modus operandi was allegedly as follows:

Individuals in the North of Namibia, more specifically members of the Public Service Employee Medical Scheme (PSEMAS) approached a Private Hospital seeking admission. They would then normally only have the Standard medical aid option, which does not allow them access to a Private Hospital admission. Allegedly, the employee of the Private Hospital would have suggested that they can be assisted by completing the prescribed PSEMAS form in order to upgrade them to the Higher Option and in order to "fast track" the application in Windhoek they should make a deposit into a private bank account, which can allegedly be accessed by the Ministry of Finance Official, in order to facilitate the payment in Windhoek. Allegedly, various persons made such payments ranging from N\$ 360 to N\$ 1080. The payments were allegedly made into the bank account of a minor child of Mrs Boois. This cash was allegedly withdrawn and allegedly misappropriated and shared between the accused in the matter.

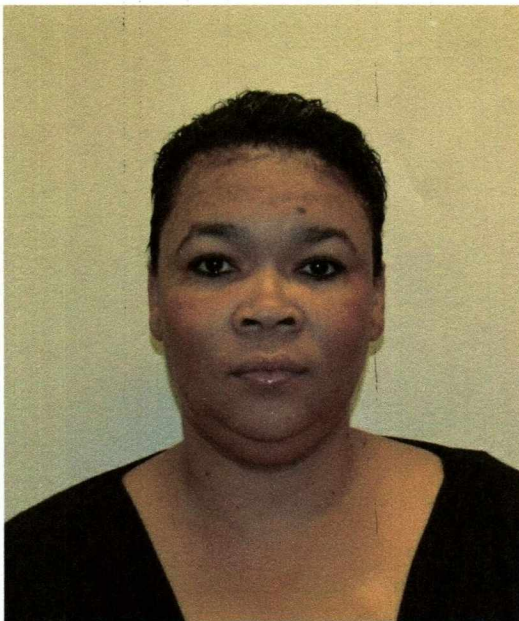
The current procedures as far as changing from the Standard Option to the Higher Option is that an application must be submitted to the Ministry and received by not later than the 1st of August each year, and the option change will only be implemented on 1 April the following year, thus option changes is only done once a

year on 1 April. A member will then on approval be issued with a membership card that will reflect the changed option and which is to be produced when admission is sought to a Private Hospital. All PSEMAS members should take note that a change from the Standard Option to the Higher Option cannot be facilitated in any other way.

The former employee of the Private Hospital, Ms Patience Mcvellem was arrested in Oshakati on the 2nd of April 2019 and Mrs Beatrice Boois was arrested on the 3rd of April 2019 in Windhoek. They appeared in the Windhoek Magistrates Court on the 4th of April 2019 and the case was remanded to the 29th of May 2019 for further investigation. Bail was not granted at this stage.



Patience Mcvellem



Beatrice Boois

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