

Reference: SANAC HIV, TB and STI data: Semi 2019
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CIRCULAR 64 OF 2019: REQUEST FOR HIV, TB AND STI DATA FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL (SANAC)

A private sector initiative to facilitate the collection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB), and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) data from registered medical schemes in South Africa, was established between the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) and the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), and approved by the National Department of Health (NDoH), in 2016. Private sector treatment data is reported on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) online reporting tool, on an annual and semi-annual basis.

In line with the above initiative, medical schemes, administrators, and managed care organisations are hereby requested to submit HIV, TB and STI indicators as defined in the data collection tool document attached to this circular. A data specification table has been compiled to assist schemes to submit the required data in the required format, through the Annual Statutory Return Healthcare Utilisation System. The data officers responsible for the submission of the utilisation data are accustomed to this process and are best placed to compile and submit the data to the CMS.

The purpose of the private sector data collection initiative is to ensure inclusivity and meaningful contribution towards the response to the epidemic in South Africa. In addition to providing vital information for the national HIV estimates, data collection by the private sector will assist to provide a clearer depiction of the national response to HIV, TB and STIs.

Principal Officers are hereby requested to facilitate the submission of the required data by no later than 16 September 2019 for the 1 January to 30 June 2019 reporting period (reporting period is based on the date of service).

The semi-annual data submission of the HIV data is limited to the following data fields:

Total number of beneficiaries at the end of the reporting period

Total number of active HIV positive beneficiaries enrolled on the HIV Disease Management Programme (DMP) at the

end of the period

Estimated HIV prevalence among beneficiaries at the end of the reporting period

Number of beneficiaries on the HIV DMP receiving anti-retroviral treatment (ART) at the end of the reporting period

Please click on the links below to access the data specification document, web service, and upload tool:

• Data Specification – Private Sector Indicator Reference Sheets and Flow diagram for indicators

Field details: <u>Schema Guide</u>

Schema Location – Part SANAC

OData Location – <u>Odata</u>

Web service location – Webservice

Utilization windows application tool – 64 bit or 32 bit

Website - https://www.medicalschemes.com/ASR/

All enquiries regarding the private sector data collection initiative must be directed to Ms. Billia Luwaca (South African National AIDS Council [SANAC] Secretariat) on email: billia@sanac.org.za / sanac@medicalschemes.com, Tel: +27 (0)12 748 1031.

Your corporation will be highly appreciated.

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