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Gap-Cover

I must express my dismay that Government wish to terminate my Gap-Cover facility. My wife and I are both over 70 years old. We both belong to the NIMAS Medical Aid Scheme. Our monthly contributions are now R4050 per month. We have been members for over 25 years. We are also members of the Complimed 'Top Up' scheme. For this we pay R207 per month. Both my wife and I have both required knee surgery.

The NIMAS contribution left us with a considerable shortfall for both the surgeon and hospital charges. Fortunately for us this shortfall was covered in full by Complimed. Had we not been covered by Nimas and Complimed the South African Government would have had to pay all our expenses? Assuming we lived long enough to receive medical attention in a Government Hospital.

It is axiomatic to make the observation that Nimas and Complimed do not cost Government one cent. It all comes from my pocket. What conceivable reason would Government wish to abolish the Complimed Scheme? The only possible reason I can come up with is that this is racialism in reverse. Why should the white elite not suffer with the black multitudes? If this is the case I rest my case. Please be advised that I believe the Government decision to legislate against facilities such as Complimed is unjust, illogical and "Barking Mad"

Yours faithfully,