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## Description

**With the recent conviction of a medical provider who submitted false claims, years of hard work by the Medscheme forensics team has finally paid off.**

Do you remember the healthcare provider burning tyres in Medscheme's reception?

Mr Lesiba Morgan Gololo, a speech therapist and audiologist, was recently found guilty and sentenced on four counts of fraud related to false claims submitted to medical schemes. The sentencing, handed down at the Specialised Commercial Crimes Court in Polokwane, marked the culmination of a six-year investigation led by Medscheme's Group Forensics team in collaboration with law enforcement.



Mr Gololo was sentenced to a R150 000 fine or eight years' direct imprisonment. This is a significant outcome in the fight against fraud, waste, and abuse Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Error (FWAE).

The case dates back to incidents in 2016 and involves fraudulent claims amounting to millions of rands. The criminal case was logged in 2019.

*“This conviction is a testament to the perseverance of the forensic and legal teams, who have worked tirelessly to hold fraudsters accountable. Fraud in healthcare is not a victimless crime – it erodes trust and deprives patients of much-needed resources”*

**— Charlene Kelly, Manager: Governance and Operations | Group Forensics, on behalf of the team**

### Key details of the case

- **2016 – 2023:** Multiple investigations uncovered fraudulent billing practices, including false claims and intimidation tactics against Medscheme staff.
- **2019:** A criminal case was lodged, and the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) found Mr Gololo guilty of unprofessional conduct following a case lodged with them.
- **2023:** Additional charges were filed, leading to his arrest in December 2023.
- **25 March 2025:** Sentencing delivered in Polokwane Specialised Commercial Crimes Court.

This conviction highlights the critical importance of collaboration between medical schemes, law enforcement, and the private sector in combating healthcare fraud. The successful prosecution was made possible through close cooperation with the scheme, the private sector, the South African Police Service (SAPS), and the Specialised Commercial Crimes Court.

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