Does the contract require the MCO to provide you with notice of any claims payment changes?  
Is there a mechanism for you to terminate the contract if you object to the changed reimbursement terms?  
Does the contract include a specific payment time period, and does the MCO agree to pay interest if it delays payment beyond that time period?  
Does the contract give the MCO the right to unilaterally reverse payment for overpayments?  
Does the contract allow you to select in which products you participate or does the contract require you to participate in ‘all products’?  
Does your termination as a Provider in respect of one product terminate your participation in all plans?  

How can you terminate the contract and what are the provisions if the MCO breaches the contract?  
Does the contract renew annually or does it need to be renewed every year?  

CONCLUSION  
SADA reiterates:  
- Every practitioner will have to make an individual decision whether or not to sign the contract.  
- Every member has access to the SADA Practice Profitability simulator (DCalc) to determine whether reimbursement levels in these contracts are financially viable.  
- Members must consider their professional, ethical and clinical responsibilities to their patients.

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Dr Johan Smit receives an honour

IT is never too late to acknowledge an accolade and an achievement and it is with pride that we salute Dr Johan Smit on the recognition last year by the IADR of his enormous contribution to Dentistry RSA. He will next year be celebrating a full 25 years of continuous service as Chief Dental Officer of South Africa.

At the 2014 IADR Congress held in Cape Town, Johan was accorded a signal honour..... to be appointed the Honorary Member for 2014. A marvellous recognition of dedicated service and commitment. The Illuminated plaque which commemorates the award is inscribed:“ With sincere appreciation for your commitment to improving the Oral Health of all South Africans.“

The Association congratulates Dr Smit and is deeply appreciative of all that unwavering commitment these many years. The award reflects on the profession and community served by Dr Johan Smit, Honorary Member IADR 2014.

International Association for Dental Research.

To: Dr Johan Smit  
Chief Dental Officer (South Africa). National Oral Health Directorate.

Dear Dr Smit,

On behalf of the International Association for Dental Research, I congratulate you as the recipient of the 2014 IADR Honorary Membership. Honorary membership is bestowed each year by unanimous recommendation of the three most recent living Past Presidents of the Association and approved by Council. Such Honorary Members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership. An Honorary Member is selected on the basis of the candidate’s significant contributions to dental research.

You will receive a commemorative plaque which will be presented during the Opening Ceremonies of the IADR/AMER General Session and Exhibition at 5pm on Wednesday, June 25th, 2014 in Auditorium 1 of the Cape Town Convention Centre in South Africa. We sincerely hope that you will attend.

Congratulations on this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Christopher H Fox, DMD, DMSc
Executive Director.