

FILING SEASON FIX - Medical aid duplication due to 2 medical certificates

SARS has issued a proposed fix that may be of use should taxpayers come across a similar issue.

Problem statement

In a situation where a taxpayer has one IRP5 with 4493 (employer contributed medical) and two medical certificates, the form currently prepopulates the (4493) amount reflected on the IRP5 in both medical containers. If the prepopulated amount is left unchanged, this would imply that the total medical amount (4005) is reduced by double the actual amount of 4493.

Example:

IRP5

4005 – R50 000

4493 – R12 000

Form: Medical Container

- *Medical Certificate 1*
4005 – R22 000
4493 – R12 000 (form prepopulate from IRP5)
- *Medical Certificate 2*
4005 – R28 000
4493 – R12 000 (form prepopulate from IRP5)

This would mean that on assessment, SARS would use a total of 4493 = R24 000 as opposed to R12 000

What the taxpayer can do if amounts are incorrect?

Form: Medical Container

- **Medical Certificate 2**
 1. The taxpayer **must delete the amount prepopulated under source code 4493** if it is duplicated under the **second medical container/certificate**.

2. The taxpayer cannot reduce the amount prepopulated under certificate 1, they can only increase this amount if it is incorrect.
3. It is important that the amount is **not reduced to zero** but the field is **cleared**.
4. If the taxpayer **deleted the amount, saves the return or refresh data**, and upon opening the return again, the deleted amount happens to again reflect on the return – in this case, the taxpayer must once again delete the amount before submitting the return.

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