**NSSF now paying Invalidity Benefit to admitted COVID-19 Patients**

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has started paying COVID-19 patients admitted in ICUs in health facilities.

In a statement published by the Fund, Managing Director Richard Byarugaba said that patients will be examined by the Fund’s Doctors and those found eligible can be paid their benefits.

Here is the Full Statement:

***COVID-19 patients found eligible to be paid under the Invalidity Benefit will be determined on the recommendation of the Fund Doctors.***

***Benefits shall be processed in line with existing process. It is a seamless process and does not require a patient to physically attend a Fund branch.***

In an update on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, the Fund explained the procedure for payment of COVID-19 patients under Invalidity Benefit. I

t is a simple, 5 step procedure as, reproduced below:

1. ***Member admitted in a Medical Facility and undergoing COVID-19 treatment.***
2. ***Member or Next of Kin contacts NSSF with the applicable medical report(s) from the Medical Facility where the member is admitted.***
3. ***The Fund Doctor visits the medical facility for verification.***
4. ***If the member qualifies, and is able to provide consent, NSSF shall process the benefits in line with the existing Invalidity Benefits (IB) payout process.***
5. ***If the member qualifies to be paid but is in a state where they are unable to provide consent, a letter of comfort will be issued to the Medical Facility.***

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