

GENERAL PRACTITIONER NETWORK ("GP NETWORK")

The Board of the Scheme continues to support the General Practitioner Network ("GP Network") established during 2011. In this regard current data indicates that some 98% of the Scheme members reside within a 10km radius of one or more contracted General Practitioners ("GPs"). Furthermore, it is to be noted that the contracted GPs are subject to a review process carried out by a Central Peer Review Committee, which measures both the quality of outcomes and the related costs incurred by the Scheme. This review process is also supported by clinical protocols based on National Guidelines, which focus on the most common chronic conditions and promote a systematic, holistic and integrated approach to improving both clinical and financial outcomes for members. The Board believes that members are most likely to benefit from consulting contracted GPs who are contracted to charge Scheme Tariff and this prevents out-of-pocket expenditure being incurred by members.

During 2012 the Board will initiate an intensive communication programme to continue to promote the GP Network and to encourage members to choose a GP that is contracted with the Scheme. Although no penalties for visiting non-network GPs are currently being applied, this may be changed with effect from 1 January 2013.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season and a healthy 2012.

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PRINCIPAL OFFICER

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SUMMARY OF 2012 BENEFITS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Benefits

Summary of most important changes

- **The Scheme Tariff has been increased by 6%.**
- Specialised drugs for oncology related conditions have been increased by 100% from R100 000 to R200 000 per member family, included in the Oncology overall limit of R600 000 per family per annum.
- The Brachytherapy benefit limit has been improved to an overall limit of R70 000 per family, with a sub-limit of R26 000 per family for brachytherapy materials.
- The Optometry Benefit was revised to an annual benefit limit.
- A Corneal Grafts Benefit limit of R20 000 per beneficiary per annum was introduced for Local and Imported Corneal Grafts.
- Cardiac Pacemakers Benefit limit was increased from R35 000 to R40 000 per member family. Carotid stents Benefit limit was increased from R12 000 to R15 000 per member family.

Contributions

7.1% Average Contribution Increase for 2012

The following average increases per principal member, adult and child are applicable with effect 1 January 2012:

- Principal members: 6.52%;
- Adult: 10%;
- Child: 7.1%.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Student dependants will be billed at adult contribution rates with effect from 1 January 2012.

CONTRIBUTIONS AS FROM 1 JANUARY 2012

Income Category		Member Type		
R		Principal Member	Adult Dependant	Child Dependant
50	- - 850	585	280	115
100	851 - 1,650	710	340	140
150	1,651 - 2,550	895	430	175
200	2,551 - 3,350	1,145	550	220
250	3,351 - 4,150	1,455	700	280
300	4,151 - 5,000	1,765	850	345
350	5,001 - 5,800	2,015	970	390
400	5,801 - 6,650	2,205	1,065	425
450	6,651 - 7,450	2,330	1,125	450
500	7,451 - 8,300	2,395	1,155	465
550	8,301 - 9,150	2,455	1,185	475
600	9,151 - 9,950	2,520	1,215	485
650	9,951 - 10,750	2,580	1,245	500
700	10,751 - 11,600	2,645	1,275	510
750	11,601 - 12,400	2,705	1,305	525
800	12,401 - 13,300	2,770	1,335	535
850	13,301 - 14,100	2,830	1,365	550
900	14,101 - 14,900	2,890	1,395	560
950	14,901 - 15,750	2,955	1,425	575
1000	15,751 - 16,550	3,015	1,455	585
1001	16,551 - 18,200	3,080	1,485	595
1002	18,201 - 19,900	3,140	1,515	610
1003	19,901 - +	3,205	1,545	620