



Dear Pharmacist

Reminder: Changes to medicine list and Chronic Drug Amounts for 2015

Discovery Health reviews its medicine list (formulary) and Chronic Drug Amounts (CDAs) twice a year. We do this to ensure the way we fund medicines through the Chronic Illness Benefit of the various schemes accurately reflects price changes and the availability of medicines in this dynamic market.

As a result of these reviews, and because of the introduction to the market of more cost-effective equivalent medicines, Discovery Health has updated its medicine list and CDAs for 2015.

The change came into effect on 1 January 2015 for all medical scheme members newly registered for funding from their scheme's Chronic Illness Benefit, and will be effective from 1 July 2015 for existing registered medical scheme members.

This change will impact some of the scheme members and we will be advising them to speak to their pharmacist

- ***Conditions on the Chronic Disease List***

The medicine list for the conditions covered on the Chronic Disease List will ensure that medical scheme members have full cover on their Chronic Illness Benefit. We have over the last few months been informing medical scheme members who are impacted about the change and where appropriate, we have asked them to discuss it with their pharmacist.

Medical Scheme members who continue to claim for medicine not on the medicine list after 1 July 2015 may attract a co-payment. This is because the schemes will cover the medicine up to the determined Chronic Drug Amount for the medicine class. If this happens, it will be indicated by the following reason code:

Reason code 381: Monthly amount exceeded

- **Conditions on the Additional Disease List**

On the Discovery Health Medical Scheme Executive and Comprehensive plans members have additional cover for a defined list of conditions on the Additional Disease List. Similarly, some of the closed schemes we administer cover Additional Disease List conditions on some of the benefit plans. There is no medicine list (formulary) for these conditions and approved medicine is funded up to the monthly Chronic Drug Amount. We will be advising scheme members who will be impacted by the Chronic Drug Amount changes to use more cost-effective alternatives to reduce potential co-payments.

These changes will apply to the following medical schemes

The medicine list (formulary) and Chronic Drug Amount changes will apply to medical scheme members belonging to the following schemes administered by Discovery Health

- Discovery Health Medical Scheme
- Tsogo Sun Group Medical Scheme
- TFG Medical Aid Scheme
- LA Health Medical Scheme
- Anglovaal Group Medical Scheme

Where to find the Chronic Illness Benefit medicine list formularies

You will find the 2015 Chronic Illness Benefit medicine list formularies for each scheme on their respective websites listed below:

- Discovery Health Medical Scheme – www.discovery.co.za
- Tsogo Sun Group Medical Scheme – www.discovery.co.za
- TFG Medical Aid Scheme – www.tfgmedicalaidscheme.co.za
- LA Health Medical Scheme – www.lahealth.co.za
- Anglovaal Group Medical Scheme - www.avgms.co.za

We are committed to our responsibility of providing access to quality healthcare that is affordable and sustainable. We will therefore continue to look at ways to work with the profession to meet this commitment while securing the long-term future of the private healthcare industry.

Regards

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