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Who we are

Retail Medical Scheme (referred to as 'the Scheme'), registration number 1176, is the medical scheme that you are a member of. This is a non-profit organisation, registered with the Council for Medical Schemes.

Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd (referred to as 'the Administrator') is a separate company and an authorised financial services provider (registration number 1997/013480/07). We take care of the administration of your membership for the Scheme.

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Payment of accident-related medical expenses

If you're involved in a motor vehicle accident, the Scheme will pay for your accident-related healthcare expenses in accordance with the Rules of the Scheme and the benefits of your selected Option.

If you lodge a claim with the Road Accident Fund, you must include details of any accident-related medical expenses paid for by the Scheme, which will be provided to you or your attorney. If the Road Accident Fund pays any medical expenses that were previously paid by the Scheme, the Scheme must be reimbursed with the amounts paid by the Road Accident Fund.

Inform Retail Medical Scheme about the accident

You must inform the Scheme about the accident as soon as possible. We will refer you to a preferred attorney who will assist you with your claim against the Road Accident Fund. You may make use of your own attorney if you want to.

If you use one of the Scheme's preferred attorneys, they will assess your accident at no cost to you to determine whether you have a valid claim. If you choose to use your own attorney, please ask your attorney to contact us so we can assist them with information about your accident-related claims and any administration fee-related queries, which they may have.

Additional benefits of claiming from the Road Accident Fund

You may be able to claim from the Road Accident Fund if you or your family member(s) were in an accident as a driver, passenger, cyclist, or pedestrian.

If your claim against the Road Accident Fund is successful, you may receive payment for past and future loss of earnings, reimbursement for past and future medical expenses paid by yourself, reimbursement for past and future medical expenses paid by the Scheme (to be refunded to the Scheme), loss of support for your dependants and disability payment for injuries that are classified as 'Serious' by the Road Accident Fund in terms of the Road Accident Fund Act.

Once we receive the refund for medical expenses paid by the Scheme, the payment will be allocated to your Medical Savings Account and/or the Scheme's risk pool.

The following attorneys are our preferred providers

Johannesburg, Randburg and East Rand	A Wolmarans Inc. Attorneys	Tel: 011 781 6050
	Levin Tatanis Attorney	Tel: 011 886 0915
	Clive Unsworth Attorneys	Tel: 011 618 2209
	Greg Schlosberg Attorneys	Tel: 011 656 2850
	Hirschowitz Flionis Attorneys	Tel: 011 880 3300
	Robert and Associates Inc	Tel: 010 140 6040
	Jerry Nkeli & Associates	Tel: 011 838 7280
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	Shayne White Inc. Attorneys	Tel: 012 809 0920
	MacRobert Attorneys	Tel: 012 425 3400
	Gert Nel Attorneys	Tel: 012 333 8290
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	Kemp Attorneys	Tel: 021 979 3280
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	Thorrington Smith & Silver	Tel: 031 307 5171
	Pather and Pather Attorneys	Tel: 031 304 4212
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East London,	McWilliams & Elliott Inc Attorneys	Tel: 041 582 1250
	Kirk Attorneys INC	Tel: 043 735 1400
Port Elizabeth, and Eastern Cape	Jaco Hattingh Litigation Attorneys	Tel: 041 364 2624
	Jock Walter Attorneys	Tel: 041 363 5501

Contact us

Should you require further details on the claim process or want to report a road incident, please write to us at Discovery_third_party_recovery_services@discovery.co.za or call:

Contact person	Tia	011 529 3047
	Gcinile	011 529 5108
	Vusi	011 529 5701
	Maria	011 529 1747
	Tsholo	011 529 3056
	Lance	011 529 1806
For escalations please call	Yeolandi Greyson	011 529 4747

Complaints process

You may lodge a complaint or query with on **0860 101 252** or address a complaint in writing to the Principal Officer at the Scheme's registered address. Should your complaint remain unresolved, you may lodge a formal dispute by following the Scheme's internal disputes process.

You may, as a last resort, approach the Council for Medical Schemes for assistance.

Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157 / **0861 123 267** / complaints@medicalschemes.co.za / www.medicalschemes.co.za.