



Dear Pharmacist

Changes to Discovery Health's Chronic Illness Benefit for 2015

Discovery Health reviews its medicine list (formulary) and Chronic Drug Amounts (CDAs) twice a year. We do this to ensure that the way we fund medicines through the Chronic Illness Benefit 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 (formulary) and Chronic Drug Amounts (CDA) for 2015.

The changes were effective from 1 January 2015 for members newly registered for funding from the Chronic Illness Benefit and will be effective from 1 July 2015 for existing registered members.

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

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

Discovery Health's Chronic Illness Benefit continues to offer full cover for medicine on our medicine list for the conditions covered on the Chronic Disease List. We will over the next few months be informing our impacted members about the change and where appropriate, we have asked them to discuss it with their pharmacist.

Members who continue to claim for medicine not on the medicine list after 1 July 2015 may attract a co-payment. This is because we 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 Executive and Comprehensive Plans, members have additional cover for a defined list of conditions on the Additional Disease List. Similarly LA Health Medical Scheme covers Additional Disease List conditions on the LA Comprehensive and LA Core Options. There is no medicine list (formulary) for these conditions and approved medicine is funded up to the CDA. We will be advising our members who will be impacted by the CDA 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 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 2015 Discovery Health medicine list

You will find the 2015 formulary at:

- CIB formulary: <http://www.discovery.co.za/portal/loggedout-individual/chronic-medicine>

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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