



Dear Pharmacist

This is how Discovery Health Medical Scheme is helping its members to prevent the complications of the seasonal flu

With winter around the corner, it is time again for our annual flu vaccine project. Discovery Health Medical Scheme will once again cover the cost of the flu vaccine for those members who we consider to be at a high risk for flu complications.

High-risk members will be covered in full for a flu vaccine

Discovery Health has identified, and is encouraging, members who are 65 years and older and members who are registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit for certain chronic conditions, to have the flu vaccination this year. We have sent communication to these members telling them that we will cover the cost of a flu vaccine in full from the Screening and Prevention Benefit.

Look out for the following message that flags these particular members who we were unable to contact by SMS or email:

Code 9762: *Patient clinically qualifies for flu vac*

Members who are not in a high-risk category will be covered from the day-to-day benefits

It's good to get protection against flu. Any family member of a family can claim the cost of a flu vaccine from available funds in the Medical Savings Account or Above Threshold Benefit, if the plan has day-to-day benefits.

Fees and payment

- ***Flu vaccine for high-risk members***

We will pay the flu vaccine in full from the Screening and Prevention Benefit for members who are in the high-risk category, across all plan types. The cost will therefore not affect members' day-to-day benefits. You can use the normal medicine claiming process.

- ***Professional services for the vaccine administration***

We will pay for any professional services for the administration of the vaccine from the available funds in the member's Medical Savings Account and Above Threshold Benefit, if available on their chosen plan type.

The administration of the vaccine can be claimed using procedure code:

0022	Administration of a vaccine	R35.40
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Pharmacies with systems that cannot claim procedure codes need to use code 002 200 000.

If the member has no funds available, has a plan with no Medical Savings Account, or is in a Self-payment Gap, the member will be responsible for paying the professional fees.

Wishing you a flu-free winter season.

Regards

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