

Dear Pharmacist

### **More time to reach MedXpress status**

Discovery MedXpress has been appointed as the Designated Service Provider (DSP) for Discovery Health Medical Scheme Delta and Core plans from 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2015 respectively.

Implementation was phased over a 6 month period to give existing chronic members an opportunity to make the necessary changes.

From 1 July 2015, existing Discovery Health Medical Scheme Core members must pay a 20% co-payment if they use non-DSP pharmacies. Pharmacies that have already reached 51% formulary compliance and achieved MedXpress status will not attract this non-DSP co-payment.

### **We made a concession for independent community pharmacies**

We have made a concession in support of independent community pharmacies. We have done this to give those pharmacies that are in the process of achieving MedXpress status, more time to reach the 51% formulary compliance threshold.

### ***Pharmacies can build up their compliance over the next three months***

Pharmacies will now enjoy MedXpress status and avoid attracting the 20% non-DSP co-payment by reaching:

- 35% formulary compliance before 1 July 2015
- 40% formulary compliance before 1 August 2015
- 45% formulary compliance before 1 Sept 2015
- 51% formulary compliance before 1 October 2015

### ***Please note:***

- The above concession does not apply to corporate pharmacies groups.
- Pharmacies that do not reach the above compliance threshold, will attract a 20% non-DSP co-payment for all members on Discovery Health Medical Scheme Core and Delta plans from 1 July 2015.
- Pharmacies will receive a confirmation letter once they qualify for MedXpress status.
- Confirmation of the pharmacy's % formulary compliance will be sent to the pharmacy on a monthly basis.
- Members will be able to look up a particular pharmacy's MedXpress status by logging into the Discovery website and using the Medical and Provider Search (MaPS) tool.

We wish you the best of luck and trust that your pharmacy will benefit from Performance Based Remuneration.

Regards

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**Discovery Health on behalf of Discovery Health Medical Scheme**