

2019 Benefits & Contribution Adjustments



MediPlus

Adult Vaccination	Limit increased to R360 per family
Alternatives to Hospitalisation - Terminal Care Benefit	Sub-limit increased to R33 500 per family
Appliances General, Medical and Surgical	Limit increased to R8 350 per family
Chronic Medicine	Limit increased to R6 025 per beneficiary and R12 050 per family
Day-to-Day Limits	Limit increased to M0 R7 550 Limit increased to M+1 R10 530 Limit increased to M+2 R11 850 Limit increased to M+3 R13 320 Limit increased to M+4 R14 590
Pharmacy Advised Therapy - Included in Day-to-Day Limits	Sub-limit increased for single member R600 Sub-limit increased for family R1 100 Script limit increased to R210 per script
Dental - Plastic Dentures	Requires pre-authorisation
Flu Vaccination	Limit increased to R95 per beneficiary
Medshield Hospital Network	Amendments to the Hospital listing
Mental Health - In-Hospital	Limit increased to R28 000 per family
Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgery	Limit increased to R14 500 per family
Optical Limit	1 pair of Optical lenses and a frame, or contact lenses, per beneficiary every 24 months. Determined by an Optical Service Date Cycle. Starting 1 January 2019. Subject to Overall Annual Limit
Optometric refraction (eye test)	1 test per beneficiary per 24 month optical cycle Subject to Overall Annual Limit
Frames and/or Lens Enhancements: (including repair costs)	R500 per beneficiary limited to and included in the Optical Limit
Optical Readers	Limit increased to R160 per beneficiary
Oral Contraceptive Medication (Birth Control)	Limit increased to R160 per month per female beneficiary
Pathology - Allergy and vitamin D testing	Only allowed Out-of-Hospital
Physiotherapy In-Hospital (Specifically Authorised)	R2 500 per beneficiary per annum
Prosthesis and Devices Internal	Sub-limit for hips and knees: R30 000 per beneficiary - subject to Prosthesis and Devices Internal Limit (global fee)
Refractive Surgery	Limit increased to R8 380 per family
Specialised Dentistry	Limit increased to R11 180 per family
Specialised Radiology (In and Out-of-Hospital)	Limit increased to R11 400 per family
MEDIPLUS	Monthly Contribution
Principal Member	R3 240
Adult Dependant	R2 313
Child*	R726

*Contribution rate is applicable to the members first, second and third biological or legally adopted children only, excluding students.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WILL ATTRACT UPFRONT CO-PAYMENTS:

Non-PMB Specialised Radiology including PET and PET-CT scan	10% upfront co-payment
Specialised Drugs for Oncology, non-Oncology and Biological Drugs	15% upfront co-payment
Non-PMB Internal Prosthesis and Devices	20% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-Medshield Network Hospital	25% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-Medshield Network Hospital - Mental Health	25% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-Medshield Network Hospital - Organ, Tissue and Haemopoietic stem cell (Bone marrow) transplant	25% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-DSP for HIV & AIDS related medication	40% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-DSP or a non-Medshield Pharmacy Network	40% upfront co-payment
Voluntarily obtained out of formulary medication	40% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-ICON provider - Oncology	40% upfront co-payment
Voluntary use of a non-DSP provider - Chronic Renal Dialysis	40% upfront co-payment

IN-HOSPITAL PROCEDURAL UPFRONT CO-PAYMENTS

Endoscopic procedures	R1 500 upfront co-payment
Functional Nasal surgery	R1 500 upfront co-payment
Hernia Repair (except in infants)	R3 000 upfront co-payment
Laparoscopic procedures	R3 500 upfront co-payment
Arthroscopic procedures	R3 500 upfront co-payment
Wisdom Teeth	R3 500 upfront co-payment
Nissen Fundoplication	R5 000 upfront co-payment
Hysterectomy	R5 000 upfront co-payment
Back and Neck surgery	R7 000 upfront co-payment

Please note: Failure to obtain an authorisation prior to hospital admission or surgery and/or treatment (except for an emergency), will attract a 20% penalty.

The Medshield Specialist Network list shall be as designated in writing by the Scheme from time to time.

Medshield Medical Scheme Rule 16.2 indicates that a member is entitled to change from one benefit option to another provided that the change is made with effect 1 January of any financial year, therefore mid-year option changes are not permitted.