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**CORE PLANS**

2026



# Reimagining your **healthcare**

For the best quality healthcare to support life's inevitable moments, Discovery Health Medical Scheme provides comprehensive healthcare that is just right for you.

Read this guide to understand more about your health plan, including:

- What to do when you need to go to a doctor or hospital
- How we cover you for the preventive screening, diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions
- Your access to enhanced day-to-day cover
- Which benefits you need to apply for and if there are limits for certain benefits
- How to have a truly personalised health experience through the Discovery Health app, which helps you navigate the healthcare system easily.



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# Key Terms

This section explains some of the terms that you will find in this document.

## C

### Chronic Disease List (CDL)

This is a defined list of chronic conditions that we cover according to the Prescribed Minimum Benefits.

### Chronic Drug Amount (CDA)

The Chronic Drug Amount is the monthly amount that we pay up to for a medicine class. This amount is subject to a member's plan type. It applies to chronic medicine that is not listed on the medicine list (formulary).

### Chronic Illness Benefit (CIB)

The Chronic Illness Benefit covers medicine and treatment for a defined list of chronic conditions. You need to apply for the cover first.

### Comprehensive cover

This cover exceeds the essential healthcare services and Prescribed Minimum Benefits that are prescribed by the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998. Comprehensive cover offers you extra cover and benefits to complement your basic cover. It gives you the flexibility to choose your healthcare options and service providers. Whether you choose full cover or options outside of full cover, we give you the freedom to decide what suits your needs. Our cover is in line with defined clinical best practices. This ensures that you receive treatment that is expected for your condition and that is clinically appropriate.

We may review these principles from time to time to stay current with changes in the healthcare landscape. While comprehensive, your cover remains subject to the Scheme's treatment guidelines, protocols and designated service providers. We still prioritise managed care to make sure you get the best outcomes for your health.

## D

### Designated service provider (DSP)

This refers to a healthcare professional or provider (for example a doctor, specialist, allied healthcare professional, pharmacy or hospital) who/that has agreed to provide Discovery Health Medical Scheme members with treatment or services at a contracted rate. To view the full list of designated service providers, visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za), or click on 'Find a healthcare provider' on the Discovery Health app.

### Co-payment

This is an amount that you have to pay towards a healthcare service. The amount can vary, depending on the type of healthcare service, the place of service and whether the amount that the service provider charges is higher than the rate that we cover. If the co-payment amount is higher than the amount charged for the healthcare service, you will have to pay for the cost of the healthcare service.

### Cover

Refers to the benefits that you can access on your health plan and how we pay for these healthcare services. The services may include consultations, medicine and hospital visits.



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### Discovery Health Rate (DHR)

This is the rate that we pay for healthcare services from hospitals, pharmacies, healthcare professionals and other providers of relevant healthcare services.

### Discovery Health Rate for medicine

This is the rate that we pay for medicine. It is the Single Exit Price of medicine plus the relevant dispensing fee.

### Discovery HomeCare

Discovery HomeCare is an extra service that offers you quality care in the comfort of your home. You can use this for healthcare services like intravenous (IV) infusions (drips), wound care, postnatal care and advanced illness care.

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### Efficiency discount arrangement

An option where members on the Delta Core plans benefit from a lower contribution in exchange for limiting their access to a restricted network.

### Emergency medical condition

This is an emergency medical condition may be referred to, simply, as an emergency. It is the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical and surgical treatment. Failure to give this medical or surgical treatment would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part, or it would place the person's life in serious jeopardy.

An emergency does not necessarily need you to be admitted to a hospital and you may be treated in casualty only. We may ask you for more information to confirm the emergency.

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### Find a healthcare provider

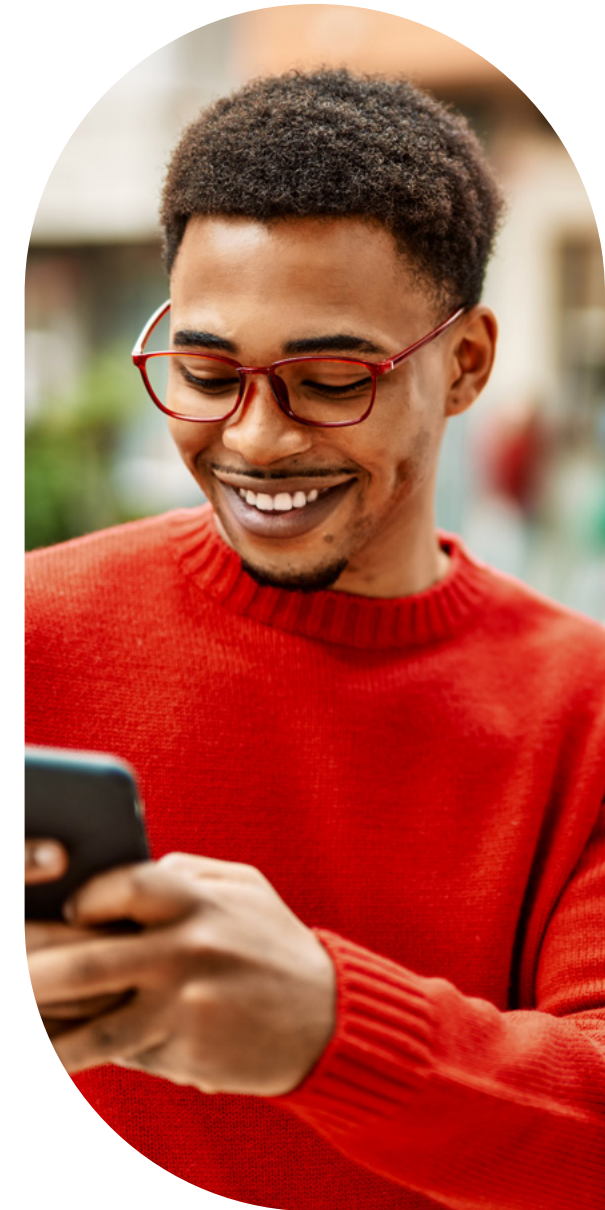
'Find a healthcare provider' is a medical provider search tool that is available on the Discovery Health app and website [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za).

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### HealthID

Discovery HealthID is an online digital platform that gives your doctor fast, up-to-date access to your health information. Once you have given consent, your doctor can use HealthID to access your medical history, refer you to other healthcare professionals and check your relevant test results.





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### Medicine list (formulary)

This is a list of medicine that we cover in full. You can use the medicine to treat approved chronic conditions. This list is also known as a formulary.

## N

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### Networks

Depending on your chosen plan, you may need to use specific hospitals, doctors, specialists or allied healthcare professionals in a network. We have payment arrangements with these providers to make sure you can access quality care that is affordable. When you use a network provider, you avoid having to pay extra costs and co-payments.



### Home-based hospital network

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On the Delta Plans, you have full cover for carefully selected low-acuity conditions if you use a designated service provider in the Home-based hospital network.



### Hospital networks

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If you have chosen a plan with a hospital network, make sure you use a hospital in that network to get full cover.



### Doctor networks

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We cover you in full for GPs, specialists and allied healthcare professionals who we have a payment arrangement with.



### Day surgery networks

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We cover you in full for a defined list of procedures in our Day Surgery Network.



### Medicine networks

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Use a pharmacy in our network to enjoy full cover and avoid co-payments when claiming for chronic medicine on the medicine list.



## P

### Payment arrangements

The Scheme has payment arrangements with many healthcare professionals and providers. This helps us to cover you in full, with no shortfalls.

### Personal Health Fund

The Personal Health Fund covers a comprehensive list of out-of-hospital healthcare services according to your individual health needs once you've activated Personal Health Pathways and completed your recommended next best action.

### Personal Health Pathways

Personal Health Pathways is a personalised care programme that predicts and recommends the most important actions you can take to improve your health.

Personal Health Pathways leverages a sophisticated digital health platform that combines actuarial, clinical and lifestyle data with behavioural science to engage you in a personalised programme that drives you towards healthier habits and behaviour change.

### Premier Plus GP

A Premier Plus GP is a network GP who has contracted with us to provide you with coordinated care and enrolment on one of our Care programmes for defined chronic conditions.

### Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB)

In terms of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 and its Regulations, all medical schemes have to cover the cost related to the diagnosis, treatment and care of:

- An emergency medical condition
- A defined list of 271 diagnoses
- A defined list of 27 chronic conditions.

The Council for Medical Schemes has set the following rules for how to access Prescribed Minimum Benefits:

- Your medical condition must qualify for cover and be part of the defined list of Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions.
- The treatment that you need must be provided for in the defined benefits.
- You must use designated service providers in our network. This does not apply in emergencies. Where appropriate and in line with the rules of the Scheme, you may be transferred to a hospital or other service providers in our network, once your condition has stabilised. If you do not use a designated service provider, we will pay up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate. You will be responsible for the difference between what we pay and the actual cost of your treatment.

If your treatment doesn't meet the above criteria, we will pay according to your plan benefits.

### Primary Care doctor

A Primary Care doctor helps you to take care of your general health. You are likely to have better health outcomes when you nominate one doctor to manage your health and coordinate your care. Your Primary Care doctor knows your complete medical history and takes the healthcare approach that is best for you.

## R

### Reference price

The Reference Price is the set amount that we pay for a medicine category. This applies for medicine that is not listed on the medicine list (formulary).

### Related accounts

'Related accounts' refers to any account that is separate from your hospital account but related to in-hospital care that you have received. This could include the accounts for your admitting doctor, anaesthetist, and any approved healthcare expenses, like radiology or pathology.

## S

### Shariah-compliant arrangement

This refers to an arrangement that allows you to have your health plan managed according to principles that comply with Shariah.

## U

### Upfront payment

This is the amount that you must pay upfront to a hospital or day clinic if you use a facility outside of the network and for specific treatments or procedures. If the upfront amount is higher than the amount charged for the healthcare service, you will have to pay for the cost of the healthcare service.



# Key features

This section explains some of the key features available to you on the Core plans.



## Unlimited cover for hospital admissions

There is no overall limit for hospital cover on the Core plans.



## Full cover for chronic medicine

For all Chronic Disease List conditions, we pay in full for chronic medicine on our formulary when you use a pharmacy in our network.



## Discovery Health app and virtual benefits

The Discovery Health app gives you access to a truly personalised health experience and lets you navigate the healthcare system easily. Access Personal Health Pathways, receive the advice and healthcare support that you need, 24/7, through a set of innovative features.



## Extensive cover for maternity

You get comprehensive benefits for maternity and early childhood. The benefits cover certain healthcare services before and after birth.



## Personal Health Fund

The Personal Health Fund covers out-of-hospital healthcare services according to your individual health needs once you've activated Personal Health Pathways and completed your recommended next best action.



## Full cover in hospital for related accounts

We guarantee full cover in hospital for specialists who we have a payment arrangement with. We pay up to 200% of the Discovery Health Rate (DHR) on Classic plans, and up to 100% of the DHR on Essential and Coastal plans for other healthcare professionals.



## Screening and prevention

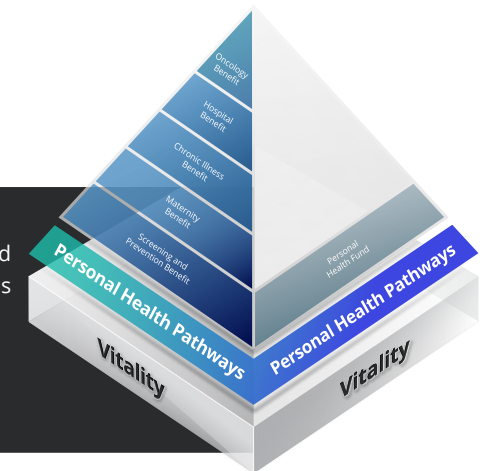
We provide a Screening and Prevention Benefit, which covers tests that are important for detecting early warning signs of serious illness.



## Cover when travelling

We cover you for medical emergencies when you are travelling. We also give you access to specialised, advanced medical care when you are travelling in South Africa and abroad.

**A Shariah-compliant arrangement is available on all health plans.**



Personal Health Pathways is a personalised programme that predicts and recommends the most important actions you can take to improve your health and unlock your Personal Health Fund.

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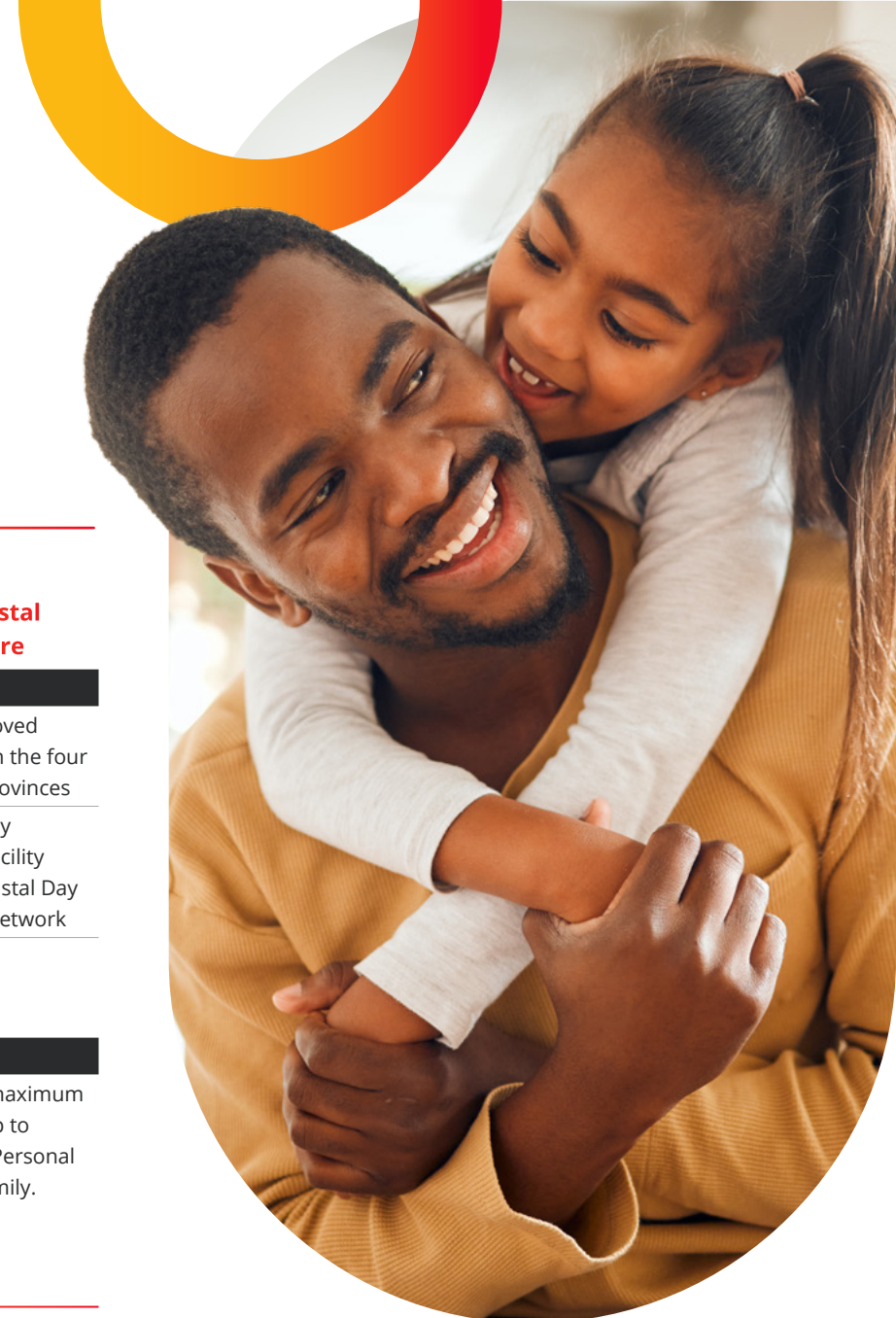
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# The benefits offered on the **Core plans**

The five Core plans give you different benefits, as shown in this table. All other benefits, which are not mentioned in the table, are the same across all plan options.

	Classic Core	Classic Delta Core	Essential Core	Essential Delta Core	Coastal Core
<b>HOSPITAL COVER</b>					
Hospitals you can go to	Any private hospital approved by the Scheme	Private hospital in the Delta Network	Any private hospital approved by the Scheme	Private hospital in the Delta Network	Any approved hospital in the four coastal provinces
Defined list of procedures in a Day Surgery Network	Private day surgery facility in the Day Surgery Network	Private day surgery facility in the Delta Day Surgery Network	Private day surgery facility in the Day Surgery Network	Private day surgery facility in the Delta Day Surgery Network	Private day surgery facility in the Coastal Day Surgery Network
Cover for healthcare professionals in hospital	Twice the Discovery Health Rate (200%)		Up to the Discovery Health Rate (100%)		
<b>DAY-TO-DAY COVER</b>					
Personal Health Fund	Up to R2,000 per adult and R1,000 per child, up to a maximum of R8,000 per family. An additional boost value of up to R2,000 per adult for completing challenges in your Personal Health Pathway, up to a maximum of R8,000 per family.		Up to R1,000 per adult and R500 per child, up to a maximum of R4,000 per family. An additional boost value of up to R1,000 per adult for completing challenges in your Personal Health Pathway, up to a maximum of R4,000 per family.		



# Your access to **Prescribed Minimum Benefits** and cover in an emergency

## What are Prescribed Minimum Benefits?

According to the Prescribed Minimum Benefits, the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 and its Regulations indicate that all medical schemes must cover the costs for the diagnosis, treatment and care of:

- An emergency medical condition
- A defined list of 271 diagnoses
- A defined list of 27 chronic conditions.

**If your treatment doesn't meet the criteria, we will pay according to your plan benefits.**

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) provides the following rules for accessing Prescribed Minimum Benefits:

- Your medical condition must qualify for cover and be part of the defined list of Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions.
- The treatment that you need must match the treatments in the defined benefits.
- You must use designated service providers in our network. This does not apply in emergencies. In an emergency, where appropriate and in line with the rules of the Scheme, you may be transferred to a hospital or other service providers in our network, once your condition has stabilised. If you do not use a designated service provider, we will pay up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate. You will be responsible for the difference between what we pay and the actual cost of your treatment.

## What is considered a medical emergency?

An emergency medical condition may be referred to, simply, as an emergency. It is the sudden and unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical or surgical treatment. Failure to provide medical or surgical treatment would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part, or it would place the person's life in serious jeopardy. An emergency does not necessarily require you to be admitted to a hospital and may be treated in casualty. We may ask you or your treating provider for information to confirm the emergency.

### What we pay for

We pay for the following medical services, which you may receive in an emergency:

- The ambulance (or other medical transport)
- Your stay at the hospital
- The services that you receive from the doctor who admitted you to the hospital
- The anaesthetist's services
- Services from any other healthcare professional or provider who/that we approve.

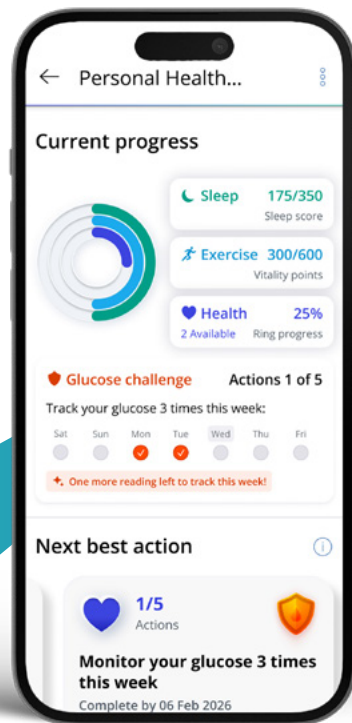
### Assistance during or after a traumatic event

You have access to dedicated assistance during or after a traumatic incident. This can be any traumatic experience such as crime, violence or loss of a family member, including loss of a child or pregnancy. By calling the Emergency Assist number or using the 'Emergency Assist' feature on the Discovery Health app, you and your family can access trauma support 24 hours a day. This service also includes counselling and extra benefits for trauma related to gender-based violence.



# Everyone can be healthier with **Personal Health Pathways**

*Personal Health Pathways leverages a sophisticated digital health platform that combines clinical research, actuarial, clinical and lifestyle data with behavioural science to engage you in a personalised programme that drives you towards healthier habits and behaviour change.*



## Improving long-term health and lifespan

Everyone can improve their long-term health and lifespan through a few simple and consistent actions and habits.

These actions can be:

- **Clinical**, such as taking your prescribed medicine, getting a simple screening test or having a routine health assessment.
- **Lifestyle related**, such as staying active through regular exercise and eating healthily.
- **Sleep related**, such as getting 7-9 hours of uninterrupted sleep every night.

Brought to all eligible members over the age of 18 years who meet the clinical programme criteria.

## That's where Personal Health Pathways comes in

Personal Health Pathways is an innovative personalised care programme designed to help everyone achieve better health. Your pathway consists of a curated sequence of health and lifestyle actions, tailored to your unique needs, encouraging you to adopt and maintain healthier habits and positive behaviour changes.

## New enhancements to Personal Health Pathways

We've introduced **sleep actions and unlocking of Scheme benefits** to your pathway. Track your daily sleep score to understand and improve your sleep and unlock Scheme benefits to support better sleep.

We're also helping you form consistent, healthier habits by bringing you **Personal Health Challenges**, a new feature on your Personal Health Pathway. Each challenge is a personalised series of health actions to be completed consistently over a defined period of time to help you create healthier habits. You can earn **boosted funds** in your **Personal Health Fund** when you complete two challenges in the year.

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# Introducing **Sleep Actions** and **Personal Health Challenges** in Personal Health Pathways

## Sleep actions

Personal Health Pathways is making you healthier by helping you understand and improve your sleep. Through regular tracking and personalised weekly sleep goals, you are encouraged, and rewarded for building lasting, healthy sleep habits.



### 01 | Sleep Well

Track your daily Vitality Sleep Score to understand your sleep and see how you're progressing towards your personalised sleep goal.

Vitality sleep score

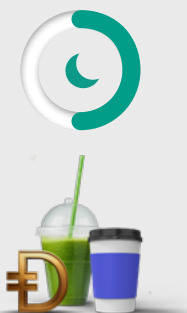
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### 02 | Achieve your weekly sleep goal

Reach your personalised weekly sleep goal, with guidance on recommended focus areas, to improve your sleep habits and Vitality Sleep Score.

### 03 | Get healthy and rewarded

Wake up feeling refreshed, and enjoy rewards like weekly hot drinks, smoothies and Discovery Miles.



## Personal Health Challenges

You will be rewarded for accepting and completing health challenges as an additional component of your unique Personal Health Pathway. Each challenge is a personalised series of health actions to be completed consistently over a defined period of time to help you create healthier habits.

### 01 | Get Started on your Personal Health Challenge

Every adult Discovery Health Medical Scheme member will receive personalised challenges based on their unique health profile.

### 02 | Complete weekly actions

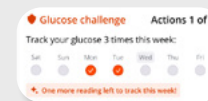
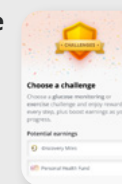
Members complete the same weekly actions over a 5 – 10 week period during the challenge, and can track their progress as part of their Personal Health Pathway.

### 03 | Get rewarded

Members earn Discovery Miles or instant rewards like coffees and smoothies every week for staying on track.

### 04 | Unlock your Personal Health Fund

For successfully completing a challenge, members earn up to an additional R1,500 per challenge in their Personal Health Fund, up to R3,000 per person per year.



# Personal Health Fund is delivering more value in flexible day-to-day benefits

**The Personal Health Fund is an innovative day-to-day healthcare benefit helping you to accumulate funds as you engage in your Personal Health Pathway and complete your next best actions. The fund can be used for day-to-day medical expenses.**

The Personal Health Fund can be used for any out-of-hospital healthcare expenses such as GP visits, specialists, medicines, pathology and radiology.

Once you've accepted the terms and conditions for Personal Health Pathways and completed your recommended next best action, you can accumulate additional value in your annual Personal Health Fund.

This benefit is available to all eligible Discovery Health Medical Scheme members, and for qualifying healthcare services, we pay up to a maximum of the Discovery Health Rate, subject to the overall benefit limit. The amount available in additional day-to-day funding in your Personal Health Fund is determined by your membership plan.

## New enhancements for your Personal Health Fund

### More Personal Health Fund value from the start of the year:

- You can now start the year with an advance of up to R1,000 per adult in the Personal Health Fund when you complete three simple actions.

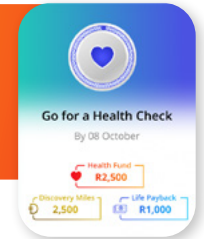
### Higher annual Personal Health Fund limits:

- You have access to up to R1,000 base Personal Health Fund on the Core Series.

### Double the Personal Health Fund value for adults completing Personal Health Challenges:

- Adults who complete their Personal Health Pathway Challenges in 2026 can boost their Personal Health Fund and earn up to R16,000 in their Personal Health Fund, double their annual Personal Health Fund limit.

**New Discovery Health Medical Scheme members can access an additional once-per-lifetime benefit in your Personal Health Fund**



All new joining members will receive their full Personal Health Fund allocation, up to R8,000 per policy, available immediately in the first year of membership.

Members must:

- Activate Personal Health Pathways
- Enable physical activity and sleep tracking.
- Complete their once-off high-value action on Personal Health Pathways.

This is a once-per-lifetime benefit, designed to give new members the strongest possible start to their healthcare journey.

Members must complete their high-value next best action tile on Personal Health Pathways within 90 days of joining the Scheme in order to activate the benefit.

**You can accumulate up to R16,000 in your PHF by taking the necessary steps to get healthy. The Personal Health Fund Base and Boost limits are shown below.**

PLAN CHOICE	Adult	Personal Health Fund Accumulation				
		2026 PHF Base			PHF Boost	
		Adult	Child	Total Maximum Base value	Adult per challenge	Total Maximum Boost value
Classic Core and Classic Delta Core	Up to R1,000*	Up to R2,000	Up to R1,000	<b>Up to R8,000</b>	Up to R1,000	<b>Up to R8,000</b>
Essential Core, Essential Delta Core, Coastal Core	Up to R1,000*	Up to R1,000	Up to R500	<b>Up to R4,000</b>	Up to R500	<b>Up to R4,000</b>

\* Your advance accumulates to your maximum base rate.

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# Discovery Health app, virtual benefits and services

The Discovery Health app gives you access to a truly personalised health experience and allows you to navigate the healthcare system easily. Access the advice and healthcare support that you need, 24/7, through the app's innovative features.



## Checking your symptoms

Use our artificial intelligence platform to diagnose your symptoms and get guidance, talk to a doctor or request emergency assistance.



## Online pharmacy

Order your medicine for delivery. You can also shop for all other in-store items and have them delivered to your door.



## Emergency Assist

Stay safe with our panic button feature on the Discovery Health app. This will help you receive emergency medical care, if needed. Call for help, request a call back, or let us locate you and send emergency care.



## Managing your plan

Seamlessly manage your medical aid plan – find healthcare providers, submit and track your claims, monitor your benefits, and more.



## Enhanced maternity support

As a new parent, you have access to the Parent Sense app once you create your pregnancy profile on the Discovery Health app. The app provides you with helpful resources, personalised breastfeeding schedules, sleep routines, and more. Access the Women's Health Hub on the Discovery Health app for more information.



## Personal Health Pathways

Get started on the homepage of the Discovery Health app and view your next best actions and challenges that are personalised for you, and ranked according to their predicted impact on improving your health. You can find out more in section 4.



## Virtual Physical Therapy

Access personalised and evidence-based virtual physical therapy from anywhere. Virtual physical therapy (VPT) should be prescribed by an appropriate healthcare professional such as a physiotherapist, chiropractor or biokineticist. Once prescribed, you will receive an email to access Virtual Physical Therapy. Claims are paid from the available funds in your Personal Health Fund.



## Digital Mental Health Care

Access an on-demand digital mental healthcare platform for evidence-based support programmes and tools with Digital Mental Health. If you are diagnosed with depression, we will pay your claims from your available Prescribed Minimum Benefits or Mental Health Care Programme, if enrolled. This is subject to you meeting clinical entry criteria. If you do not meet the criteria, or if you have used your benefits, we will pay these claims from the available funds in your Personal Health Fund.



## Virtual Urgent Care

Skip the waiting room and urgently consult with a doctor online, 24/7. Receive digital prescriptions, no matter where you are. We cover you for four virtual urgent-care sessions per family, per year. This is subject to you meeting the clinical entry criteria. If you do not meet the criteria, or if you have used your benefits, we will pay these claims from the available funds in your Personal Health Fund.

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# Your access to care at home

Delivering hospital-level care safely and effectively in your home for many medical conditions for which you would otherwise be admitted to hospital.



## Hospital at Home

Discovery Hospital at Home provides qualifying members with the option to receive hospital-level home-based care instead of being admitted to a traditional hospital or after an early discharge from hospital for continuation of care in the home.

Members receiving treatment in the home have access to enhanced benefits and services, delivered through their personalised care team of participating providers in the Home-based hospital network.

You have access to the following Home-based hospital network providers giving you access to Discovery Hospital at Home services, for home-based treatment:

- Discovery Home Health
- Mediclinic at Home
- Quoro Medical

Hospital at home is the designated service provider (DSP) for the Delta plans for home-based care for qualifying conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, complicated urinary tract infection, heart failure, cellulitis, deep vein thrombosis, asthma, and diabetes.

You do not need to use this network in the event of an emergency, or if not deemed clinically appropriate for homebased care according to the treating provider.

Should you choose to not make use of this network once your treating healthcare provider has recommended it as part of your care, an upfront payment of R5,450 will apply to the admission.

If you meet the Scheme's clinical and benefit entry criteria, this gives you access to:

- Physical and virtual 24-hour care, facilitated by a dedicated care team
- A remote monitoring device that automatically transmits information to a hospital-based care team, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Access to an improved range of clinical diagnostic procedures and interventions to manage medical or postsurgical hospital-level care at home.



## Home Monitoring Device Benefit for essential home monitoring

The Home Monitoring Device Benefit gives you access to a range of essential and registered home monitoring devices for certain chronic and acute conditions up to a limit of R4,850 per person per year.



## Discovery HomeCare

When your doctor recommends that you receive home care as an alternative to a hospital stay, Discovery HomeCare will provide you with quality care in the comfort of your home. Services include postnatal care, end-of-life care, IV infusions and wound care. We pay for these services from the Hospital Benefit. This payment is subject to approval.

Discovery HomeCare is the designated service provider for defined IV infusions. Avoid having to pay 20% out of your own pocket by using Discovery HomeCare for these infusions.



## Home-based virtual care for the elderly

If you are 65 years or older and identified as being at high-risk, you may have access to a basket of care to manage your condition at home. This includes a virtual consultation with a GP or nurse as an alternative to an casualty visit as well as virtual coaching sessions to help coordinate your care.



# Essential screening and prevention benefits

This benefit pays for certain tests that can detect early warning signs of serious illnesses. The tests must be carried out by our wellness providers.



## What we pay for

We cover various screening tests at our wellness providers. We pay for these tests from the Screening and Prevention Benefit. You will have to pay for consultations that do not form part of the Prescribed Minimum Benefits.

### Screening for kids

This benefit covers the assessment of your child's growth and development. We pay for you to have your child's weight, height, body mass index and blood pressure measured at one of our wellness providers.

### Screening for adults

This benefit covers a Health Check – a simple but helpful set of basic health screenings, which we pay for every year. A Health Check is performed at the point of care, with finger-prick tests where appropriate. Some of the screenings are for BMI, blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol and HIV.

We also cover a mammogram or ultrasound of the breast every two years. We pay for a Pap smear once every three years or an HPV test (including self-sampling kits) once every five years as well as a mental wellbeing assessment and a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test annually. Every two years, for members between 45 and 75 years, we pay for a bowel cancer screening test (including self-sampling kits).

### Screening for seniors

In addition to screening for adults, members who are 65 years and older have cover for an age-appropriate falls-risk screening assessment. This assessment must be carried out at a pharmacy in our defined pharmacy network. We may cover you for an extra falls-risk assessment when you are referred to a Premier Plus GP. This depends on your screening test results and if you meet the Scheme's clinical entry criteria.

## Additional tests

Clinical entry criteria apply to these tests:

- Defined diabetes and cholesterol screening tests
- Breast MRI or mammogram and once-off BRCA testing for breast screening
- Colonoscopy for bowel cancer screening
- Pap smear or HPV test for cervical screening.

## Vaccines

Clinical entry criteria apply to these vaccines:

- A seasonal flu vaccine for healthcare professionals and members who are pregnant, 65 years or older, or registered for certain chronic conditions
- The pneumococcal vaccine for members 65 years or older or those who are registered or certain chronic conditions. You need a prescription from your doctor to get this vaccine.



Visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to view the detailed Screening and Prevention Benefit guide.



# Experience more for your day-to-day healthcare needs

When it comes to your day-to-day healthcare, every rand counts. You get more with Discovery Health Medical Scheme. We're here to help you get healthier while you stretch your benefits, keep your healthcare spending in check and celebrate every saving.



**Personal Health Fund** brings a new dimension to your cover. This benefit helps you **earn up to R16,000** in day-to-day cover as you complete personalised actions and challenges on **Personal Health Pathways**.



# Maternity benefit

We pay for healthcare services related to your pregnancy and treatment for the first two years of your baby's life. When you are pregnant, your cover applies from the date on which the benefit is activated. Each child's cover applies from birth until they are 2 years old.

## How to access the benefit

You can activate the Maternity Benefit by:

- Creating your pregnancy or baby profile on the Discovery Health app or on our website at [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za)
- Preauthorising your delivery or by registering your baby as a dependant on the Scheme.



## During pregnancy

- **Antenatal consultations:** We pay for up to 8 consultations with your gynaecologist, GP or midwife.
- **Ultrasound scans and screenings during pregnancy:** You are covered for up to two 2D ultrasound scans or one 2D ultrasound scan and one nuchal translucency test. If you get a 3D or 4D scan, we pay up to the rate that we pay for 2D scans. You are also covered for one chromosome test or non-invasive prenatal test (NIPT), if you meet the clinical entry criteria.
- **Flu vaccinations:** We pay for one flu vaccination during your pregnancy.
- **Blood tests:** We pay for a defined list of blood tests to confirm your pregnancy.



## After you give birth

- **GP and specialists to help you after birth:** We cover your baby under the age of 2 for two visits to a GP, paediatrician or ear, nose and throat specialist.
- **Other healthcare services:** We cover postnatal care. This includes a postnatal consultation for complications after delivery.

Visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to view the detailed Maternity Benefit guide.



## Pre- and postnatal care

We pay for a maximum of five antenatal or postnatal classes (including online cases) or consultations with a registered nurse, for up to two years after you have given birth. We also pay for one breastfeeding consultation with a registered nurse or breastfeeding specialist.

We cover you for a nutritional assessment with a dietitian, and up to two mental healthcare consultations with a counsellor or psychologist during pregnancy or after you give birth.

## Enhanced support

- **Parent sense:** As a new parent, you have access to the Parent Sense app where you can access helpful resources, personalised breastfeeding schedules, sleep routines, and more. Access the Women's Health Hub on the Discovery Health app for more information.
- **Nurture at Home:** If your baby is admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) immediately after birth for 7 days or more, the Nurture at Home Programme offers additional support. You may qualify for a defined basket of care to help you adjust after discharge, if you meet the clinical entry criteria. Refer to section 13 for full details on eligibility and benefits.



# Chronic benefits

The Chronic Illness Benefit (CIB) covers you for a defined list of 27 medical conditions, known as the Chronic Disease List (CDL).



## What we cover

### Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions

You have access to treatment for a list of medical conditions under the Prescribed Minimum Benefits. The Prescribed Minimum Benefits cover the 27 chronic conditions on the CDL.

Our plans offer you benefits that exceed Prescribed Minimum Benefits. Certain rules apply for accessing Prescribed Minimum Benefits.

### Medicine cover for the Chronic Disease List

We cover you in full for approved chronic medicine on our medicine list (formulary). For medicine that is not on our list, we cover you up to the generic Reference Price, where a generic alternative exists, up to a set monthly rand amount. This amount is called the Chronic Drug Amount (CDA).

### How we pay for consultations and medicine

You must nominate a GP in the Discovery Health Network to be your Primary Care GP and manage your chronic conditions. You can change your nominated Primary Care GP up to three times a year. To find a doctor and learn more about the nomination process, use [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) or the Discovery Health app.

To be covered in full for your GP consultations, you must visit your nominated Primary Care network GP. If you see a GP who is not your nominated Primary Care GP or a nominated GP that is not a network GP, you will have to pay a co-payment. For more information on our Care programmes and enrolment by your Premier Plus Network GP, please refer to the last page in Section 8.

We pay up to a maximum of the Discovery Health Rate (DHR) for medicine that you buy from one of our network pharmacies. The DHR for medicine is the price of the medicine and the fee for dispensing it.

### How to activate the benefit

You must apply for the CIB. Your Primary Care GP must complete the form online or send it to us for approval. Visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to view the detailed CIB guide.



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# Chronic benefits and where to get your medicine



## Chronic Disease List conditions

### Chronic conditions covered on the Core plans

- A** Addison's disease, asthma
- B** Bipolar mood disorder, bronchiectasis
- C** Cardiac failure, cardiomyopathy, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic renal disease, coronary artery disease, Crohn's disease
- D** Diabetes insipidus, diabetes type 1, diabetes type 2, dysrhythmia
- E** Epilepsy
- G** Glaucoma
- H** Haemophilia, HIV, hyperlipidaemia, hypertension, hypothyroidism
- M** Multiple sclerosis
- P** Parkinson's disease
- R** Rheumatoid arthritis
- S** Schizophrenia, systemic lupus erythematosus
- U** Ulcerative colitis

## Using a pharmacy in our networks

Avoid a 20% co-payment on your chronic medicine by using our designated service providers.

## How to get your medicine

You now have greater convenience and flexibility in managing your medicine needs. Order for collection from your preferred pharmacy partner. Our partners include Clicks, Dis-Chem (delivery option available), Medirite and other independent pharmacies.

Our enhanced online platforms give you greater control. From uploading your prescriptions to tracking your deliveries, you can now manage all your medicine needs more smoothly than ever before.

## If you need chronic dialysis

We cover these expenses in full if we have approved your treatment plan and you use a provider in our network. If you go elsewhere, we will pay up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate.



# Care programmes

***We provide condition-specific care programmes for diabetes, mental health, HIV and heart conditions.***

Our preventive and condition-specific care programmes help you to manage diabetes, HIV, mental health and heart-related medical conditions. You have to be registered on these care programmes to unlock their extra benefits and services.

Find out more about Personal Health Pathways in section 4.



## Disease Prevention Programme

If you are identified as being at risk of cardiometabolic syndrome, your Premier Plus GP can enrol you on the Disease Prevention Programme. Your Premier Plus GP, dietitian and health coach will help coordinate your care. Enrolled members can access a defined basket of care, which includes cover for consultations, certain pathology tests and medicine, where appropriate. You will also have access to health coaching sessions, to help you manage your condition from day to day.



## Diabetes Care Programme

If you are registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit (CIB) for diabetes, your nominated Premier Plus GP can start you on the Diabetes Care Programme. The programme unlocks cover for extra glucometer strips and consultations with dietitians and biokineticists. You may also have access to a nurse educator who can help you to manage your condition from day to day.



## Depression Risk Management Programme

If you are identified as being at risk of depression, you will have access to a 6-month long care programme with a defined basket of care. This includes a consultation with a Premier Plus GP or network psychologist, coaching sessions with a social worker to coordinate your care, consultations with a dietitian, and a clinically appropriate digital mental wellbeing course. Cover is subject to clinical entry criteria treatment guidelines and protocols.



## HIV Care Programme

If your nominated Premier Plus GP registers you on the HIV Care Programme, we can provide you with the care that you need. This includes extra cover for social workers. You are assured of confidentiality at all times. To avoid a 20% co-payment, you will need to get your medicine from a designated service provider.



## Mental Health Care Programme

Once you are enrolled in this programme by your network psychologist or nominated Premier Plus GP, we give you defined cover to manage episodic depression. Enrolment unlocks cover for prescribed medicine, access to either individual or group psychotherapy sessions (virtual and face-to-face therapy), digital mental health care with internet-based cognitive behavioural therapy (iCBT), and extra GP consultations. The GP consultations help ensure that your treatment is effectively evaluated, tracked and monitored.

Additionally, members with depression may qualify to access a relapse prevention programme. This includes extra cover for a defined basket of care for psychiatry consultations, counselling sessions and care coordination services.



## Cardio Care Programme

If you are registered on the CIB for hypertension, hyperlipidaemia or ischaemic heart disease, you can access a defined basket of care and a yearly cardiovascular assessment. This is only if you are referred by your nominated Premier Plus GP and if you are enrolled in the Cardio Care Programme.



# Oncology Care Programme

If you are diagnosed with cancer, we give you comprehensive cover, including cover for high-cost medicine and innovative treatment. We also provide extended cover for once you reach certain limits.



Visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to view the detailed Oncology Benefit guide.

## Prescribed Minimum Benefits

Cancer treatment that is a Prescribed Minimum Benefit is always covered in full. All Prescribed Minimum Benefit treatment costs add up to the cover amount. If your treatment costs more than the cover amount, we will continue to cover your Prescribed Minimum Benefit cancer treatment in full.

## Oncology Benefit

If you are diagnosed with cancer, we cover you on the Oncology Care Programme once we have approved your treatment. We pay for an approved cancer treatment over a 12-month cycle.

We cover the first R250,000. If your treatment costs more than this cover amount, we will cover for up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate (DHR) of the subsequent treatment costs.

All cancer-related healthcare services are covered up to 100% of the DHR. You might have a co-payment if your healthcare professional charges above this rate.

On the Classic Delta Core, Essential Delta Core and Coastal Core Plans, all cancer related healthcare services are covered at a network provider.

## Oncology Precision Medicine

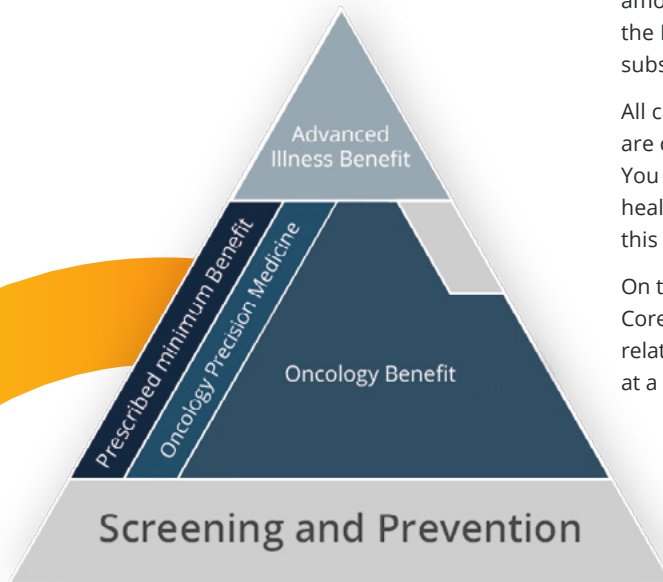
We pay for a sub-set of precision medicine covered by the Oncology Benefit, subject to the Scheme's clinical entry criteria. You will have to pay 50% of the cost of these treatments.

### How we cover medicine

To avoid a 20% co-payment, you need to get your approved oncology medicine from a designated service provider. Speak to your treating doctor to confirm that they are using our designated service providers for your medicine and for any treatment that you are receiving in a doctor's rooms or at a treatment facility. Oncology medicine is paid up to 100% of the Discovery Health Rate or up to the Oncology Reference Price, whichever is applicable.

## Advanced Illness Benefit

Members can access a comprehensive palliative care programme. This programme offers unlimited cover for approved care at home, care coordination, counselling services, and supportive care for appropriate end-of-life clinical and psychologist services. We also pay for a GP consultation, to facilitate your palliative care treatment plan.



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# Hospital Benefit

***The Hospital Benefit covers you if you need to be admitted to hospital.***

All Core plans offer cover for hospital stays. You don't have an overall limit for your Hospital Benefit.



View all the hospitals in the Delta and Coastal Hospital Network using 'Find a healthcare provider' on the Discovery Health app.

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## What the benefit does

This benefit pays the costs for your stay when you are admitted into hospital.

## What we cover

We give you unlimited cover for stays in any private hospitals that are approved by the Scheme, subject to the network requirements on the Delta options and Coastal plan.

Your doctor may recommend home-based care as part of your treatment. You will need to make use of our Home-based hospital network which is the designated service provider (DSP) for home-based care. If you choose not to make use of the DSP, you will need to pay R5,450 upfront for your admission.

## How to access the benefit

### Getting confirmation first

Contact us to confirm your hospital stay before you are admitted. This is known as preauthorisation.

### Where to go

If you are on a Delta option or Coastal Core Plan, you need to use a hospital in the network for your plan. If you are on all other plans, you can go to any private hospital that is approved for payment by the Scheme. Payment for healthcare services at newly licensed facilities is subject to approval by the Scheme. View the hospital networks on our website, [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za).

### What we pay

We pay for planned hospital stays from your Hospital Benefit. Specifically, we pay for your medicine in hospital, the hospital stay itself, and the services that you receive from all healthcare professionals who provide you with care and treatment. Payment is subject to the Scheme authorising hospital stay.

If you use doctors, specialists and other healthcare professionals who we have a payment arrangement with, we will pay for their services in full. We pay up to 200% of the Discovery Health Rate on Classic plans, and up to 100% of the DHR for Essential and Coastal plans for other healthcare professionals.

### You can avoid co-payments by:

- Using healthcare professionals who we have a payment arrangement with
- Going to a hospital in the network of hospitals for your plan, if you are on the Delta or Coastal options.









If you have to go to hospital, we will pay your hospital expenses. There is no overall hospital limit for the year on any of the plans. However, we limit how much you can claim for some treatments. Contact us well before you have to go in to hospital. We will let you know what you are covered for. If you do not contact us before you go, we might not cover the costs.



# Hospital cover

The Core plans offer unlimited hospital cover.

The table below shows how we pay for your approved hospital admissions:

	Healthcare professionals, providers and services	What we pay for
	The hospital account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We pay the full account, at the rate agreed on with the hospital.</li> <li>▪ On the Delta options, you must pay an upfront amount of R11,100 for planned admissions to hospitals that are not in the Delta Hospital Network.</li> <li>▪ On the Coastal plan you must go to an approved hospital in the Coastal region for planned admissions. We pay 70% of the Discovery Health Rate if you go to a Scheme approved hospital outside of the coastal network.</li> </ul>
	Upfront payment for a defined list of procedures performed outside of the Day Surgery Network	<p><b>Classic, Essential and Coastal plans:</b> You will have an upfront payment of R7,250.</p> <p><b>Delta options:</b> You will have an upfront payment of R11,100.</p>
	Defined list of procedures performed in specialist rooms	We pay up to the agreed rate, where authorised by the Scheme.
	Specialists who we have a payment arrangement with	We pay the full account, at the agreed rate.
	Specialists who we do not have a payment arrangement with, and other healthcare professionals	<p><b>Classic plans:</b> We pay up to twice the Discovery Health Rate (200%).</p> <p><b>Essential and Coastal plans:</b> We pay up to the Discovery Health Rate (100%).</p>
	X-ray and blood test (radiology and pathology) accounts	We pay up to the Discovery Health Rate (100%).
	MRI and CT scans	We pay up to the Discovery Health Rate (100%) if it is related to your hospital admission from your Hospital Benefit. If the scan is not related to your admission or for conservative back and neck treatment, you will have to pay for it.
	Cataract Surgery at a network provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We pay the full account at the agreed rate at a network facility for cataract surgery.</li> <li>▪ We pay the hospital account at up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate at any other facility.</li> </ul>



# Hospital cover

The Core plans offer unlimited hospital cover.



## Scopes (gastroscopy, colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy and proctoscopy)

### Admissions for scopes

Depending on where you have your scope done, you have to pay the following amounts and we pay the rest of the hospital and related accounts from your Hospital Benefit.

### Upfront payments for scope admissions:

	Day clinic account	Hospital account
Classic, Essential, Coastal and Delta options	R4,650	R8,000. This co-payment will reduce to R6,650 if the scope is performed by a doctor who is part of the Scheme's value-based network.
<b>IF BOTH A GASTROSCOPY AND COLONOSCOPY ARE PERFORMED IN THE SAME ADMISSION</b>		
Classic, Essential, Coastal and Delta options	R5,700	R9,950. This co-payment will reduce to R8,250 if scopes are performed by a doctor who is part of the Scheme's value-based network.



Visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to view the hospital network providers applicable to your plan.

### Upfront payments for scopes performed outside of the Day Surgery Network:

Where a scope is performed in a facility outside of the Day Surgery Network an upfront payment of R7,250 will apply, except if performed in a hospital outside the Day Surgery Network where an upfront payment of R8,000 will apply. Where both a gastroscopy and colonoscopy are performed the upfront payment of R9,950 will apply. For Delta options, an upfront payment of R11,100 will apply.

### Scopes performed in-rooms:

No co-payment applies for scopes performed at an in-rooms network provider. The following co-payment will apply for scopes performed at a non-network provider:

Single scope	Bi-directional scopes
R1,800	R3,100

### When there is no upfront payment:

If your scopes are performed as part of a confirmed Prescribed Minimum Benefits condition, where indicated and approved for dyspepsia, the patient is aged 12 years or under, or for in-rooms scopes performed at a network provider, you will not have to pay any amount upfront. We pay the account from the Hospital Benefit.

# Benefits with a yearly limit

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## Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids

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Limited to R150,000 per person. A limit of R78,000 applies per person every three years for processor upgrades.



## Cochlear implants, auditory brain implants and processors

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Limited to R252,000 per person for each benefit. A limit of R190,000 applies per person every three years for processor upgrades.



## Internal nerve stimulators

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Limited to R192,000 per person.



## Shoulder joint prosthesis

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If you get your prosthesis from a provider in our network, there is no limit. We pay up to R46,000 if you use a provider outside our network.



## Alcohol and drug rehabilitation

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We pay for 21 days of rehabilitation for each person each year. For detoxification, we cover for three days per approved admission, per person.



## Prosthetic devices used in spinal surgery

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There is no overall limit if you get your prosthesis from one of our preferred suppliers. If you do not use a preferred supplier, a limit of R18,900 applies for the first spinal level and a limit of R37,800 applies for two or more levels. This benefit is limited to one procedure per person per year.

We cover you in full for approved spinal surgery admissions if you use a provider in our spinal surgery network. We will pay up to 80% of the DHR for your hospital account if you have a planned admission outside our network.

You also have cover for out-of-hospital conservative spinal treatment. See Section 12.



## Major joint surgery

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If you use a provider in our network, you will not have a limit for planned hip and knee joint replacements. We pay up to 80% of the Discovery Health Rate (DHR) if you use a provider outside our network, to a maximum of R31,850 for each prosthesis, for each admission. The network does not apply to emergency or trauma-related surgeries.



## Mental health

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We cover the following:

- 21 days of admissions or up to 15 out-of-hospital consultations per person for major affective disorders, anorexia and bulimia
- Up to 12 out-of-hospital consultations for acute stress disorder that is accompanied by recent significant trauma
- 3 days (per approved admission) for attempted suicide
- 21 days for all other mental health admissions.

All mental health admissions are covered in full at a network facility. If you go somewhere else, we will pay up to 80% of the DHR for the hospital account.





## Benefits with a yearly limit



### Dental treatment in hospital

#### Dental appliances and prosthesis

You are responsible for paying the cost of all dental appliances and prosthesis, their placements and orthodontic treatment (including the related accounts for orthognathic surgery).

#### Severe dental and oral surgery in hospital

The Severe Dental and Oral Surgery Benefit covers a defined list of procedures. You do not have to pay an upfront payment for these, and there is no overall limit on the benefit. Certain procedures are covered in our Day Surgery Network. This benefit is subject to authorisation and the Scheme's Rules.

#### Basic Dental Trauma Benefit

The Basic Dental Trauma Benefit covers treatment for sudden and unexpected injury to the teeth and mouth. Specifically, we pay for urgent dental treatment after an accident or trauma injury that affects the mouth. Where you meet the clinical entry criteria, we pay up to a yearly limit of R70,800 per person for dental appliances and prostheses and for the placement of these.

#### Dental treatment in hospital

You need to pay a portion of your hospital or day clinic account upfront for dental admissions, except where you are approved for severe dental and oral surgery. The amount that you pay varies, depending on your age and where you are receiving treatment. We pay the balance of the hospital account from your Hospital Benefit, up to 100% of the Discovery Health Rate (DHR).

The related accounts, which include the dental surgeon's account, are paid from your Hospital Benefit. We pay up to 100% of the DHR. On Classic plans, we pay anaesthetists up to 200% of the DHR.

#### Upfront payment for dental admissions:

Hospital account	Day clinic account
<b>MEMBERS 13 YEARS AND OLDER:</b>	
R8,950	R5,750
<b>MEMBERS UNDER 13 YEARS:</b>	
R3,470	R1,550



# Cover for procedures in the Day Surgery Network

We cover specific procedures that can be carried out in the Day Surgery Network.

## About the benefit

We cover certain planned procedures in a day surgery facility. A day surgery may be inside a hospital, in a day clinic or at a standalone facility.

## How to access the benefit

View the list of day surgery procedures on the next page. You must contact us to get confirmation of your procedure. This confirmation is called preauthorisation.



View all Day Surgery Network facilities using 'Find a healthcare provider' on the Discovery Health app.

## How we pay

We cover these services from your Hospital Benefit. Specifically, we pay for the medicine and services related to your hospital stay, including the services by all your healthcare professionals, provided that the medicine and services are authorised by the Scheme.

If you use doctors, specialists and other healthcare professionals who we have a payment arrangement with, we cover their services in full. For other healthcare professionals, we pay up to 200% of the Discovery Health Rate on Classic plans, and up to 100% of the DHR on Essential and Coastal plans for other healthcare professionals.

## When you need to pay

If you go to a facility that is not in your plan's Day Surgery Network, you will have to pay an amount upfront, as per the below table:

	Day Surgery Network for your plan	Your out-of-network upfront payment
Classic and Essential	Day Surgery Network	R7,250
Coastal	Coastal Day Surgery Network	R7,250
Delta options	Delta Day Surgery Network	R11,100



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# List of procedures covered in the Day Surgery Network

For us to cover the following list of procedures, they must be performed in our Day Surgery Network

## B

### Biopsies

- Skin, subcutaneous tissue, soft tissue, muscle, bone, lymph, eye, mouth, throat, breast, cervix, vulva, prostate, penis, testes

### Breast procedures

- Mastectomy for gynaecomastia
- Lumpectomy (fibroadenoma)

## E

### Ear, nose and throat procedures

- Tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy
- Repair nasal turbinates, nasal septum
- Simple procedures for nosebleed (extensive cautery)
- Sinus lavage
- Scopes (nasal endoscopy, laryngoscopy)
- Middle ear procedures (mastoidectomy, myringoplasty, myringotomy and/or grommets)

### Eye procedures

- Corneal transplant
- Treatment of glaucoma
- Other eye procedures (removal of foreign body, conjunctival surgery (repair laceration, pterygium), glaucoma surgery, probing and repair of tear ducts, vitrectomy, retinal surgery, eyelid surgery, strabismus repair)

## G

### Ganglionectomy

### Gastrointestinal

- Gastrointestinal scopes (oesophagoscopy, gastroscopy, colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, proctoscopy, anoscopy)
- Anorectal procedures (treatment of haemorrhoids, fissure, fistula)

### Gynaecological procedures

- Diagnostic dilatation and curettage
- Endometrial ablation
- Diagnostic hysteroscopy
- Colposcopy with LLETZ
- Examination under anaesthesia
- Diagnostic laparoscopy
- Simple vulval and introitus procedures: Simple hymenotomy, partial hymenectomy, simple vulvectomy, excision of Bartholin's gland cyst
- Vaginal, cervix and oviduct procedures: Excision vaginal septum, cyst or tumour, tubal ligation or occlusion, uterine cervix cerclage, removal of cerclage suture
- Suction curettage
- Uterine evacuation and curettage

## O

### Orthopaedic procedures

- Arthroscopy, arthrotomy (shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle, hand, wrist, foot, temporomandibular joint), arthrodesis (hand, wrist, foot)
- Minor joint arthroplasty (intercarpal, carpometacarpal and metacarpophalangeal, interphalangeal joint arthroplasty)
- Tendon and ligament repair, muscle debridement, fascia procedures (tenotomy, tenodesis, tenolysis, repair or reconstruction, capsulotomy, capsulectomy, synovectomy, excision tendon sheath lesion, fasciotomy and fasciectomy) (all subject to individual case review)
- Repair bunion or toe deformity
- Treatment of simple closed fractures and/or dislocations, removal of pins and plates. (all subject to individual case review)

## N

### Nerve procedures

- Neuroplasty median nerve, ulnar nerve, digital nerve of hand or foot

## R

### Removal of foreign body

- Subcutaneous tissue, muscle, external auditory canal under general anaesthesia

## S

### Simple superficial lymphadenectomy

### Skin procedures

- Debridement
- Removal of lesions (dependent on site and diameter)
- Simple repair of superficial wounds

### Simple hernia procedures

- Umbilical hernia repair
- Inguinal hernia repair

## U

### Urological

- Cystoscopy
- Male genital procedures (circumcision, repair of penis, exploration of testes and scrotum, orchietomy, epididymectomy, excision hydrocoele, excision varicocele, vasectomy)



# Extra benefits on your plan

You get the following extra benefits to enrich your cover. Cover is subject to the Scheme's clinical entry criteria, treatment guidelines and protocols.



## Advanced Illness Benefit

Members have access to a comprehensive palliative care programme. The programme offers unlimited cover for approved care at home and for care coordination. It includes unlimited cover for counselling services and supportive care (appropriate end-of-life clinical and psychologist services). We also pay for a GP consultation, so your GP can facilitate your palliative care treatment plan.



## Africa Evacuation Benefit

We cover you for emergency medical evacuations from certain sub-Saharan African countries back to South Africa. Pre-existing conditions are excluded.



## Disease management for sleep disorders

If you are identified as being at risk following the completion of a validated sleep assessment, you may have access to a defined basket of care. This includes one consultation with a GP, psychiatrist, psychologist, or sleep physician, cognitive-behavioural-therapy for insomnia (CBT-i), and sleep health coaching.



## In-room procedures

We pay for a defined list of procedures that are performed in specialists' rooms. Provided that your procedure is authorised by the Scheme, we will cover you from your Hospital Benefit and pay up to the agreed rate.



## International Second Opinion Services

Through your specialist, you can access a second opinion from a physician specialist at The Clinic (by Cleveland Clinic). This cover is for life-threatening and life-changing conditions. We pay 75% of the cost of the second opinion service.



## International Travel Benefit

When you travel outside of South Africa and have a medical emergency, we pay for the medical costs. This benefit provides up to R5 million per person on each journey. The cover is for a period of 90 days from the time you leave South Africa. Pre-existing conditions are excluded.

For elective (non-emergency) treatment that you receive outside of South Africa, we may cover you at equivalent local costs, provided that the treatment is readily and freely available in South Africa and that it would normally be covered by your plan.

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# Extra benefits on your plan

You get the following extra benefits to enrich your cover. Cover is subject to the Scheme's clinical entry criteria, treatment guidelines and protocols.



## Nurture at Home

This programme provides additional support to parents of premature or medically complex infants admitted to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) immediately after birth for at least 7 days. You will have access to a defined basket of care which may include cover for one overnight stay in hospital for one of the parents registered on the Scheme, virtual health coaching sessions, home nurse visits, mental health support, a follow-up visit to the paediatrician, and access to support groups.



## Spinal Care Programme

For conservative spinal treatment out of hospital, eligible members have access to a defined basket of care. The basket includes cover for virtual and face-to-face consultations with an appropriately registered allied healthcare professional.



## Supportive care after an admission

If you have a qualifying condition, we give you access to a readmission prevention programme. Through the programme, we pay for approved follow-up care and health coaching sessions to help you navigate the first 30 days of recovery after you are discharged from hospital. Cover is subject to benefit entry criteria. If you meet the criteria, we will contact you and help you to access the benefit.



## Supportive Post-surgery Programme

For unilateral hip and knee joint replacement procedures performed in the Scheme's Short Stay Surgical network, you will unlock access to a defined basket of care for post-operative care related to your procedure. This basket of care includes cover for home nursing and virtual physical therapy.



## The Trauma Recovery Extender Benefit

The Trauma Recovery Extender Benefit extends your cover for out-of-hospital claims that are related to certain traumatic events. Claims are paid from the benefit for the rest of the year in which the trauma takes place and for the year after that. You and the dependants on your plan can access six counselling sessions per person per year.



## WHO Global Outbreak Benefit

The WHO Global Outbreak Benefit is available to all members during a declared outbreak period. Through the benefit, we pay for the administration of vaccinations (where applicable). The benefit also gives you a defined basket of care for out-of-hospital healthcare services related to outbreak diseases, such as COVID-19 and Mpox.



# Your contributions

Applicable from 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026

	Main member	Adult	Child*
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Classic Core	R3,652	R2,882	R1,461
Classic Delta Core	R2,923	R2,305	R1,169
Essential Core	R3,138	R2,354	R1,260
Essential Delta Core	R2,507	R1,887	R1,006
Coastal Core	R3,011	R2,259	R1,196

Applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 December 2026

	Main member	Adult	Child*
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Classic Core	R3,905	R3,083	R1,562
Classic Delta Core	R3,126	R2,465	R1,250
Essential Core	R3,356	R2,517	R1,347
Essential Delta Core	R2,681	R2,018	R1,076
Coastal Core	R3,250	R2,438	R1,291

\* We count a maximum of three children when we calculate the monthly contributions. In the case of foster children, we account for every child added to the policy.



# Your Personal Health Fund

Depending on your chosen plan, you can accumulate up to R16,000 in your Personal Health Fund by taking the necessary steps to get healthy. The Personal Health Fund Base limit and Boost limits are shown below.

PLAN CHOICE	Advance on 1 January		Personal Health Fund Accumulation			
	Adult	2026 PHF Base			PHF Boost	
		Adult	Child	Total Maximum Base value	Adult per challenge	Total Maximum Boost value
Classic Core and Classic Delta Core	Up to R1,000*	Up to R2,000	R1,000	<b>Up to R8,000</b>	Up to R1,000	<b>Up to R8,000</b>
Essential Core, Essential Delta Core, Coastal Core	Up to R1,000*	Up to R1,000	Up to R500	<b>Up to R4,000</b>	Up to R500	<b>Up to R4,000</b>

\* Your advance accumulates to your maximum base rate.



# Exclusions

## Healthcare services that are not covered on your plan

Discovery Health Medical Scheme (DHMS) has certain exclusions. We do not pay for healthcare services related to the following, except where required as part of a defined benefit or under the Prescribed Minimum Benefits. For a full list of exclusions, please visit [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za).

### Medical conditions during a waiting period

We apply waiting periods if you have never belonged to a medical scheme or if you have had a break in membership of more than 90 days before joining DHMS and have a pre-existing condition. During your waiting periods, you will not have access to the Prescribed Minimum Benefits. This includes cover for emergency admissions. If you had a break in cover for less than 90 days before joining the Scheme, you may have access to Prescribed Minimum Benefits during your waiting periods.

### The general exclusion list:

The following are not covered on any of the DHMS plans:

- Reconstructive treatment and surgery, including cosmetic procedures and treatments
- Otoplasty for bat ears, blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery), and treatment or surgery for port-wine stains
- Breast reductions or enlargements and gynaecomastia
- Treatment, surgery and procedures for obesity
- Any treatment related to infertility, unless part of Prescribed Minimum Benefits
- Frail care services and treatment
- Healthcare services related to alcohol, drug or solvent abuse
- Wilful and material violation of the law
- Wilful participation in war, terrorist activity, riot, civil commotion, rebellion or uprising
- Injuries sustained or healthcare services arising during travel to or in a country and/or territory at war
- Ultra-high cost treatments, experimental, unproven or unregistered treatments or practices
- Search and rescue.

We also do not cover the complications or the direct or indirect expenses that arise from any of the exclusions listed on this page, except where required as part of a defined benefit or under the Prescribed Minimum Benefits.



# Exclusive access to **value-added offers**

Our members have exclusive access to value-added offers outside the Discovery Health Medical Scheme benefits and Rules.

Go to [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) to access these.

## **Get started on your Personal Health Pathways**

We know that everyone is unique, so, your approach to health should be as well. Complete your personal actions in the given time to reveal and claim your personalised rewards. It's as easy as accessing Personal Health Pathways in the Discovery Health app.

## **Trauma counseling sessions**

All Discovery Health Medical Scheme members have access to two trauma counseling sessions for any trauma related events. Access the counseling sessions under emergency assist on the Discovery Health app.

## **Savings on personal and family care items**

Sign up for HealthyCare to access savings on a vast range of personal and family care products at any Clicks or Dis-Chem. HealthyCare items include a list of baby care, sun care, dental care, eye care, foot care and handcare products, first aid and emergency items, and over-the-counter medicine.

## **Savings on frames and lenses**

You get a 20% discount on frames and lenses that you buy from an optometrist in your plan's network of optometrists. You will receive the discount immediately when you pay.

## **Savings on stem cell banking**

We give you access to an exclusive Netcells offer. (Netcells is a stem cell banking service provided by a company called Next Biosciences.) The offer gives expectant parents the opportunity to cryogenically store stem cells from the blood and tissue of their newborn baby's umbilical cord, at a discounted rate. Your newborn's stem cells are a form of health insurance for your child and family, as the cells can potentially be used for future medical treatment.

## **Accessing Vitality to get healthier**

You have the opportunity to join the world's leading science-based wellness programme, Vitality. The programme rewards you for getting healthier. Not only is a healthy lifestyle more enjoyable than an unhealthy one, it is also clinically proven that Vitality members live healthier, longer lives.



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# Working to care for and protect you

Our goal is to provide you with support when you need it most.

We hold your privacy in the highest regard. Our unwavering commitment to protecting your personal information and ensuring the security and confidentiality of your data is clearly outlined in our Privacy Statement.

## What to do if you have a complaint:

### 01 | To take your query further

If you have already contacted Discovery Health Medical Scheme (DHMS) and feel that your query has not been resolved, please complete our online complaints form on [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za). We would also love to hear from you if we have exceeded your expectations.

### 02 | To contact the Principal Officer

If you are still not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint after following the process in the first step, you can escalate your complaint to the Principal Officer of DHMS. You may lodge a query or complaint with DHMS by completing the online form on [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za) or by emailing [principalofficer@discovery.co.za](mailto:principalofficer@discovery.co.za).

### 03 | To lodge a dispute

If you have received a final decision from DHMS and want to challenge it, you may lodge a formal dispute. You can find more information about the Scheme's dispute process on [www.discovery.co.za](http://www.discovery.co.za).

### 04 | To contact the Council for Medical Schemes

DHMS is regulated by the Council for Medical Schemes. You may contact the Council at any stage of the complaints process. However, we encourage you to follow the steps above to resolve your complaint before contacting the Council. Contact details for the Council for Medical Schemes: Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion 0157 [complaints@medicalschemes.co.za](mailto:complaints@medicalschemes.co.za) | 0861 123 267 | [www.medicalschemes.co.za](http://www.medicalschemes.co.za).



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