



2019  
BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTION  
SCHEDULE  
**BASIC PLAN**

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## PART A – OVERVIEW



**With financial sustainability forming the foundation of the Bankmed Medical Scheme, we aim to provide our members with benefits that exceed the market average. We focus on our members' needs holistically. Bankmed goes beyond profit, add-ons and incentives. We are committed to meeting our members' healthcare needs.**

**Because Bankmed is for you. For your family. For your good health.**

## WHY BANKMED?

### Bankmed value

As a Bankmed member, you are part of an exclusive club. Bankmed is a closed medical scheme that is tailored specifically for the banking industry. This gives us invaluable experience and insights into your specific needs, and the ability to offer you a medical scheme that gives you what you need, when you need it.

### Scheme overview

Bankmed is registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998 and all rules and our benefits are approved by the Council for Medical Schemes. With more than 100 years experience as a medical scheme, we exist solely for your benefit. We don't pursue profits or try to accumulate reserves.

We are managed by a Board of Trustees, who prioritises the interests of our members and the Scheme's sustainability. Half of the Trustees are elected by members. Our unique approach to healthcare is underpinned by the ability to support employer groups with health solutions that have a measurable impact on the health of members and, by extension, the health of the organisation.

### Bankmed's initiatives contribute to members' wellbeing and productivity

Bankmed participates in an annual survey commissioned by Health Quality Assessment (HQA). The survey measures the clinical quality of the benefit offering of medical schemes. Based on the HQA's 2018 findings, Bankmed is ahead of the industry in most clinical quality indicators.

Bankmed has been awarded the AA+ Global Credit Rating for the eighth consecutive year! The only closed medical scheme to achieve this credit rating in SA.

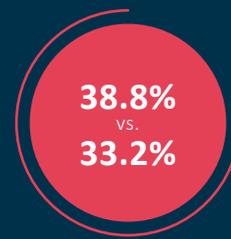
# WHAT SETS BANKMED APART FROM OPEN SCHEMES?



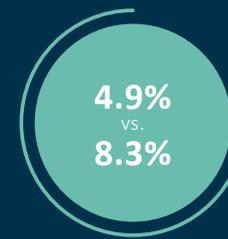
Compared to the average open scheme\*



Global Credit Rating – 2017



Bankmed's Solvency Ratio as at 31 December 2017 vs. Industry Average (CMS Annual Report 2017)



Non-healthcare Expenses Ratio (Administration, Managed Care and General Administration Expenses)

Bankmed as at 31 December 2017 vs. Industry Average (CMS Annual Report 2017)



We offer a range of Plans to suit our members' healthcare needs and pockets

## Our value proposition includes:



### Preventative Care and Wellness

Good health starts with knowing your health. Bankmed offers wellness initiatives, Wellness Days at your workplace and Preventative Care programmes that help us to identify your risks early. This allows you to be in your best possible health.



### Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs)

No matter which Plan you choose, you are covered for the Prescribed Minimum Benefits as set out in the Medical Schemes Act.



### Good Governance

Bankmed is governed by a competent Board of Trustees who put members' interests and Bankmed's sustainability first.



### Sexual Health

We pay for certain screening tests and procedures from the Insured Benefit, which means looking after your sexual health does not affect your day-to-day benefits. We pay for Pap smears and offer a circumcision benefit on all Plans and female birth control on the Basic Plan. Members also have cover for HIV counselling and testing as well as a full HIV treatment programme if they need it.



### Always there when you need us

With our Bankmed App and website, you can always reach us, wherever you or your family happen to be.



### On-site Support

Bankmed comes to your workplace to help you with any questions about your benefits and services.

## A promise for a select few

Our commitment to you is reflected in the value we provide. We do this through Plans and benefits designed specifically for the banking industry.

### Bankmed is a medical scheme that is exclusively for the banking sector

All our Plans, benefits and contributions are designed with you in mind. We are experts in designing Plans and benefits that reflect our understanding of your career, your challenges, your workplace and the risks that you face each day.

### Bankmed offers incredible value for money

Apart from the six different Plans to suit every member's health needs and pocket, we have consistently shown that we are Rand-for-Rand one of the most competitive medical schemes in the market in terms of cost versus benefits offered.

\*based on independent actuarial analysis.

## PART B – YOUR BENEFIT OPTION

### GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR PLAN

No matter which Plan you choose, you can take steps to get the most out of your benefits and the best value for your money:

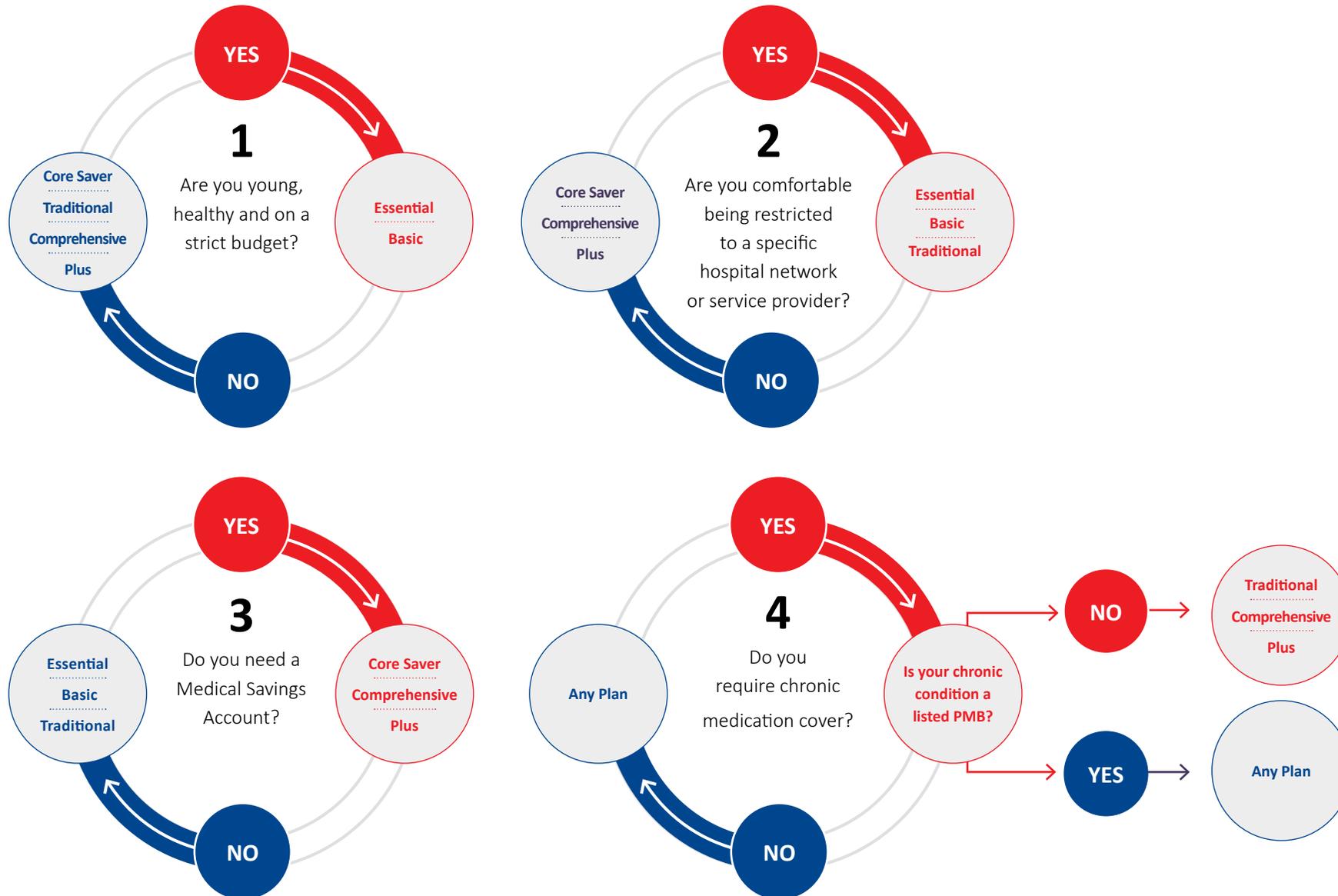
- Use a day clinic rather than an acute hospital if the procedure can be done at a day clinic to avoid out-of-pocket upfront payments (deductibles)
- Have regular health screenings. We pay for them from your Insured Benefit. What this means is that the claim won't affect your day-to-day benefits
- Make your day-to-day benefits last longer by using a Healthcare Professional we have a payment agreement with (a network provider or Designated Service Provider)
- Don't use up your day-to-day benefits if you can register for a programme that gives additional cover. Contact Bankmed if you need cover for chronic medicine
- Visit our website or use the Bankmed App to keep your contact details up to date, check what benefits you have available, search for a Healthcare Professional, share your medical history with your Healthcare Professional through your Electronic Health Record (EHR), request membership and tax certificates, and more
- Keep your medical information with you by downloading the Bankmed App to your smartphone or other smart device. Visit [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za) for details

**Remember:** You have access to 24-hour medical transport and a medical advice helpline on 0860 999 911, as well as unlimited hospitalisation in an emergency.



## CHOOSING YOUR PLAN OR LOOKING TO CHANGE PLANS?

These four options are basic summaries to help you to select the best Plan for you. Please refer to the detailed Benefit & Contribution tables to compare benefits, costs and limits.



## CALCULATE YOUR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION

Look at the 2019 contribution table provided on the bottom right of this page and follow the steps below to calculate how much the Basic Plan will cost. Remember to ask your employer if you qualify for any subsidies:

**STEP 1** Work out your income category

**STEP 2** Write down the cost for Member in the Total Contributions column (for your income category)

**STEP 3** Multiply the number of adult dependants\* by the amount under Adult Dependant in the Total Monthly Contribution column

**STEP 4** Multiply the number of child dependants\*\* by the amount under Child Dependant in the Total Monthly Contribution column. You pay for your first three children you register on your Plan

**STEP 5** Add the values you wrote down in step 2, 3 and 4 to calculate your total contributions\*\*\*

\* An adult dependant is a spouse, partner, member's child or grandchild 23 years or older or any other immediate family member for whom the member is responsible for family care and support (and who qualifies as a dependant).

\*\* A child dependant is the member's biological child or grandchild who is dependent on the member, a stepchild, legally adopted child or any child placed in the custody of the member or the member's spouse or partner, and who is younger than 23 years.

\*\*\* This calculation does not include late-joiner penalties. Please add them if they apply to you.

### Important

Contributions for child dependants are limited to a maximum of three children, without limiting the number of children that may be registered.

## CONTRIBUTION PENALTIES FOR PERSONS JOINING LATE IN LIFE

The Board may, in addition to the contributions stated, impose contribution penalties up to the specified ratio for a late-joiner. A late-joiner is defined as an applicant or adult dependant of an applicant who, at the date of application for membership or admission as a dependant, as the case may be, is 35 years of age or older, but excludes any beneficiary who enjoyed coverage with one or more medical schemes as from a date preceding 1 April 2001, without a break in coverage exceeding three consecutive months since 1 April 2001.

Penalty bands	Maximum penalty
1 – 4 years	0.05 x risk contribution
5 – 14 years	0.25 x risk contribution
15 – 24 years	0.50 x risk contribution
25+ years	0.75 x risk contribution

Any years of creditable coverage which can be demonstrated by the applicant will be subtracted from his current age in determining the applicable penalty. Creditable coverage is defined as periods of previous medical scheme cover (medical schemes registered in South Africa). Proof will be required when presenting prior coverage information.

## CONTRIBUTIONS 2019

BASIC PLAN No Medical Savings Account			
GROSS INCOME	TOTAL MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION		
	Member	Adult Dependant	Child Dependant
R0 – R5 000	R1 053	R787	R264
R5 001 – R6 000	R1 156	R867	R299
R6 001 – R7 000	R1 274	R952	R328
R7 001 – R8 000	R1 398	R1 062	R359
R8 001 – R9 000	R1 598	R1 211	R400
R9 001 – R10 000	R1 777	R1 344	R446
R10 001+	R2 024	R1 518	R508





## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

To help you understand the terms we use in the overview of our benefits and contributions tables.

TERM	ACRONYM	DEFINITION
Approved Baskets of Care	BOC	This is a predefined set of out-of-hospital consultations, procedures and diagnostic tests which are covered to manage Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions. A member must be registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit in order to qualify for the Basket of Care
Benefit Entry Criteria	None	Condition-specific standardised entry and verification criteria that the member must meet in order for the member's condition to be covered by the Chronic Illness Benefit and relevant PMB Baskets of Care
Board of Healthcare Funders	BHF	An industry representative body to the healthcare funding industry. Healthcare Professionals are required to register their practice numbers with BHF in order that they be recognised by medical schemes for billing purposes
Cost	None	The net cost (after discount) charged for a relevant health service or, for a contracted or negotiated service – the contracted rate. With regards to surgical items and procedures provided in hospital, 'cost' refers to the net acquisition price
Designated Service Providers	DSPs	The doctors, specialists, hospitals and pharmacies with whom Bankmed has negotiated preferential rates
Emergency Medical Condition	EMC	This means the sudden and, at the time, unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical or surgical treatment, where failure to provide medical or surgical treatment would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction to a bodily organ or part, or would place the person's life in serious jeopardy
Emergency Medical Services	EMS	Ambulances etc
Formulary	None	This is a comprehensive list of medications and treatments for which you are covered for a particular benefit
In-Hospital	IH	Refers to all related, approved costs during procedures (emergency or elected) which occur during a hospital stay
Insured Benefit	None	This is a benefit that pays directly from a members risk spend
Medicine Reference Price List	None	Reference pricing system that uses a benchmark or reference price for generically similar products. The fundamental principle of any reference price system is that it does not restrict a member's choice of medicine but instead limits the amount that will be paid
Member	M	Member without dependants
Member and Dependants	M+	Member with dependants
Out-of-Hospital	OH	Refers to any procedures, treatments, claims or benefits which occur without an overnight hospital stay. Also known as 'day-to-day'
Preferred Providers	DSP	A provider chosen by a medical scheme to provide specific services for its members. These services may be furnished at discounted rates. Members must visit these providers to enjoy full cover
Prescribed Minimum Benefits	PMBs	A set of minimum benefits to be funded by all medical schemes as per the Medical Schemes Act and Regulations, in respect of the PMB conditions. A PMB condition is 'a condition contemplated in the Diagnosis and Treatment Pairs and chronic conditions defined in the Chronic Disease List in Annexure A of the Regulations or any emergency medical condition'
Rand Value	R	This is the South African Rand amount a member would have paid if the specified service or treatment was obtained in South Africa
Scheme Rate	None	The rate determined in terms of an agreement between the Scheme and a Healthcare Professional or group of Healthcare Professionals with regards to payment for relevant services

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS ON THE BANKMED BASIC PLAN



## Wellness and preventative care benefits to assess risk factors, prevent illness and improve your health

- Personal Health Assessment
- Bankmed Stress Assessment
- Vaccinations and screenings
- Pap smear consultation
- Female contraception
- Workplace-based TB screening
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine for girls aged 9 to 16



## Designated service providers (DSP)

- Hospital Network DSPs
- Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network
- Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network
- Bankmed Pharmacy Network
- Courier pharmacy for HIV medication
- Bankmed Emergency Services for Ambulance Services



## Hospitalisation (in-hospital services) and other major medical expenses

- Comprehensive cover for hospitalisation and most in-hospital services via a restricted hospital network (DSPs)
- Certain categories subject to Rand limits
- Organ transplants, oncology and renal dialysis limited to PMBs
- In-hospital GP/specialist procedures covered at 100% of Scheme Rate



## Chronic medication

No overall limit, but benefits via Bankmed Network providers and subject to Scheme-approved medicine list (formulary)



## Prescribed minimum benefits (PMBs)

PMBs covered in full via DSPs  
 Reduced benefits for non-DSPs, subject to PMB regulations



## Medical Savings Account

No



## Out-of-hospital (day-to-day) benefits

Unlimited cover for primary healthcare services, such as GP consultations, acute medication and basic dentistry via Bankmed Network Providers (DSPs) and subject to Scheme-approved formularies (medicine list)

Limited optometry benefits via Iso Leso Optometry Network every two years

Other specified benefits subject to Plan limits and available via or on referral by a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP

No benefit for advanced dentistry or orthodontic treatment

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Does this Plan have a Medical Savings Account (MSA)?		No
<b>1 OVERALL ANNUAL LIMIT</b>		
		Unlimited
<b>2 CLAIMS FOR SERVICES RENDERED OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF SOUTH AFRICA (FOREIGN CLAIMS)</b> It is recommended that you consider taking out comprehensive travel insurance prior to journeying abroad, as not all foreign claims will be covered (or covered in full)		
2.1		<p>Foreign claims covered at the relevant Scheme Rate and/or Rand limit subject to benefits available on your selected Plan</p> <p>No benefits for emergency/ambulance transport outside the borders of South Africa</p> <p>No benefits for services not normally covered at the Scheme's preferred provider network (Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network) for out-of-hospital consultations, medication and treatment (except via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network providers in Lesotho)</p> <p>Medical motivation and prior approval required for non-emergency surgery outside the borders of South Africa</p>
<b>3 WELLNESS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFITS - INSURED BENEFITS</b>		
	Wellness and Preventative Care Benefits are provided as additional Insured Benefits, which do not contribute towards the depletion of any other insured limits (or Medical Savings Account) specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables. The cost of associated consultations is not included in the Wellness and Preventative Care Benefits.	
3.1	<b>Flu Vaccine</b>	100% of the Scheme Medicine Reference Price, limited to one vaccine pbpa
3.2	<b>Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine</b>	100% of the Scheme Medicine Reference Price, limited to a total course of three doses (depending on product and age) per female beneficiary aged nine to 16 years
3.3	<b>Childhood Vaccines</b> (BCG, oral polio, rotavirus, diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis, inactivated polio and haemophilus influenza type B, hepatitis B, measles, pneumococcal vaccine)	100% of the Scheme Medicine Reference Price, for immunisations administered in accordance with the Department of Health's Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) guidelines for children up to 12 years

<b>3 WELLNESS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFITS - INSURED BENEFITS (CONTINUED)</b>		
3.4	<b>Pneumococcal Vaccine</b>	<p>100% of the Scheme Medicine Reference Price, limited as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One vaccine every five years for adults 60 years and older</li> <li>One vaccine every five years for beneficiaries younger than 60 years, who have been diagnosed with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, cardiovascular disease or HIV/AIDS</li> </ul>
3.5	<b>Mammogram</b>	100% of the Scheme Rate, limited to one pbpa age 40 years and older (benefits for beneficiaries younger than 40 years subject to motivation and prior approval)
3.6	<b>Breast MRI</b> Only for Breast cancer high risk beneficiaries	100% of Scheme Rate, and one pbpa. For high risk beneficiaries only. Subject to clinical entry criteria and pre-authorisation. Breast Cancer Risk Calculator available on the Bankmed website.
3.7	<b>Bone Densitometry</b>	<p>100% of the Scheme Rate, limited to one pbpa age 50 years and older (benefits for beneficiaries younger than 50 years subject to motivation and prior approval)</p> <p>Should member not meet clinical entry criteria, and they are younger than age 50, the member may claim the bone densitometry test from their Radiology Benefit. Where the Radiology Benefit is exhausted, this test may be claimed from available Medical Savings Account.</p>
3.8	<b>Prostate-Specific Antigen</b>	100% of the Scheme Rate, limited to one pbpa age 50 years and older (benefits for beneficiaries younger than 50 years subject to motivation and prior approval)
3.9	<b>Faecal Occult Blood Test</b>	100% of the Scheme Rate, limited to one pbpa age 50 years and older (benefits for beneficiaries younger than 50 years subject to motivation and prior approval)

3 WELLNESS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFITS - INSURED BENEFITS (CONTINUED)		
3.10	<b>Tuberculosis (TB) Screening</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate, limited to one chest X-ray pbpa</p> <p>For TB screening requested by registered private nurse practitioners providing on-site services at Employer Groups</p> <p>All other TB screenings subject to out-of-hospital radiology and/or pathology benefit as indicated elsewhere in these Benefit Tables</p>
3.11	<b>Bankmed Stress Assessment</b>	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.bankmed.co.za">www.bankmed.co.za</a> to complete your free online Bankmed Stress Assessment. There is no limit on the number of assessments per beneficiary per annum</p>
3.12	<b>Cholesterol Screening, Blood Sugar Screening and Blood Pressure Measurements</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate, limited to R295 pbpa at clinics, pharmacies or Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs' consulting rooms (DSPs)</p>
3.13	<b>HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT)</b>	<p>Unlimited, covered at 100% of cost for HCT DSPs namely Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs, Bankmed Pharmacy Network and contracted HCT providers rendering onsite services at Employer Groups, subject to PMB regulations</p>
3.14	<b>Pap Smear</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate, limited to one pbpa</p> <p>One associated nurse, Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP or Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network consultation pb covered as an additional Insured Benefit limited to R465 pbpa</p>
3.15	<b>Personal Health Assessment (PHA)</b>  Applies to members and beneficiaries aged 18 years and older only	<p>100% of cost, limited to one assessment pbpa, subject to use of DSP only</p> <p>Benefit limited to Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs, Bankmed Pharmacy Network and contracted providers rendering on-site services at Employer Groups</p>
3.16	<b>Contraception: Oral Contraceptives, Devices and Injectables</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price, limited to R1 855 per female beneficiary per annum</p> <p>Oral contraceptives limited to one prescription or repeat prescription pb per month</p>

3 WELLNESS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFITS - INSURED BENEFITS (CONTINUED)		
3.17	<b>Antenatal Screening</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate</p> <p>Limited to one test pb per pregnancy</p> <p>Test to be conducted at 10 - 12 weeks of pregnancy</p> <p>Non-invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) to test for chromosomal abnormalities</p> <p>Clinical entry criteria applies</p> <p>South African testing only</p> <p>Applies to high risk beneficiaries only, who are aged 35 years and older at delivery</p>
3.18	<b>New-born Screening</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate</p> <p>Limited to one test pb per pregnancy</p> <p>Test to be carried out within 72 hours of birth</p> <p>To test for the presence of certain metabolic and endocrine disorders</p> <p>South African testing only</p>
3.19	<b>New-born Hearing Test</b>	<p>100% of Scheme Rate, limited to one test per beneficiary and must be carried out within eight weeks of birth</p> <p>Only the hearing test is covered by the Wellness and Preventative Care Benefit with a registered Audiologist</p> <p>If consultation charged, consultation fee to be funded from consultation benefits</p>
3.20	<b>Diabetes Management</b>	<p>Unlimited and 100% of cost for services covered in the Scheme's Basket of Care if referred by the Scheme's DSP and member utilises the Scheme's DSP as their service provider</p> <p>For members registered on the Scheme's Disease Management Programme</p> <p>Basket of Care set by the Scheme, subject to PMB regulations</p> <p>100% of Scheme Rate if non-DSP used. Out-of-network GP benefit limit applies if the doctor is not the member's nominated GP</p>

4 HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

Additional benefits subject to registration on the Scheme's HIV/AIDS Programme. These additional benefits do not contribute to the depletion of other Insured Benefits provided by the Scheme. Beneficiaries who do not register on the HIV/AIDS Programme will be entitled to all other benefits as specified in these Benefit Tables, with continued funding for PMBs, subject to PMB regulations, after depletion of the relevant sub-limits

4 HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

4.1 **Consultations and Pathology**  
 Subject to benefits available in Scheme's Basket of Care  
 100% of cost at a DSP  
 100% of Scheme Rate at a non-DSP

4.2 **Medication via Designated Courier Pharmacy (DSP)**  
 Unlimited  
 100% of cost via Designated Courier Pharmacy (DSP), as communicated to registered beneficiaries from time to time  
 A motivation is required for the use of a non-DSP for medication. Subject to Scheme's approved formulary  
 Scheme Medicine Reference Price applies to non-formulary medication

4.3 **Medication via non-DSP: Voluntary use of a non-DSP**  
 Unlimited  
 80% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price  
 A motivation is required for the use of a non-DSP for medication. Subject to Scheme's approved formulary  
 Scheme Medicine Reference Price applies to non-formulary medication

4.4 **Medication via non-DSP: Involuntary use of a non-DSP**  
 Unlimited  
 100% of cost, unlimited  
 A motivation is required for the use of a non-DSP for medication. Subject to Scheme's approved formulary  
 Scheme Medicine Reference Price applies to non-formulary medication

5 24-HOUR MEDICAL ADVICE LINE (CALL 0860 999 911)  
 Free service to Bankmed members (cost of calls not claimable from the Scheme)

5.1 Call 0860 999 911 for 24-hour medical advice from a registered nurse

6 AMBULANCE SERVICES (CALL 0860 999 911 FOR PRE-AUTHORISATION)  
 Benefits through preferred provider only (Bankmed Emergency Services) and subject to pre-authorisation

6.1 100% of cost, unlimited. No benefit outside the borders of South Africa  
 Call 0860 999 911 – 24 hours a day, seven days a week for pre-authorisation and you will be connected with highly qualified Bankmed Emergency Services personnel

7 HOSPITALISATION  
 Subject to pre-authorisation. Bankmed reserves the right to obtain a second opinion prior to granting authorisation for spinal surgery

**HOSPITALISATION AND ASSOCIATED IN-HOSPITAL BENEFITS ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-AUTHORISATION; FAILING TO OBTAIN A PRE-AUTHORISATION MAY LEAD TO CO-PAYMENTS BEING APPLIED OR BENEFITS BEING DECLINED UPON REVIEW**

CONTACT US ON 0800 226 5633 FOR AUTHORISATION PRIOR TO ANY PLANNED HOSPITAL ADMISSION, MRI SCAN, CT SCAN OR RADIONUCLIDE SCAN OR WITHIN 24 HOURS OF AN EMERGENCY ADMISSION

- Pre-authorisation for a hospital admission does not guarantee that all claims related to the hospital event will be covered in full
- Benefits available for your Plan, as well as annual limits for individual benefit categories, are set out in these Benefit Tables. The benefits under 'hospitalisation' refer only to the hospital account
- Any Healthcare Professionals attending to you during your hospital stay must submit valid accounts for payment. The payment will be subject to the benefits, limits and/or any special conditions set out in these Benefit Tables under the relevant benefit categories.
- The onus is on the member to ensure that the Healthcare Professional has submitted the account for payment
- Please take care to determine the limits for your Plan (if any) and at what rate the Scheme will cover your claims.
- Always negotiate fees with your attending doctors before incurring costs to avoid out-of-pocket payments. Please refer to Bankmed's website at [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za) for a list of procedures that can be safely performed in a doctor's rooms as an alternative to hospitalisation

7 HOSPITALISATION Subject to pre-authorisation. Bankmed reserves the right to obtain a second opinion prior to granting authorisation for spinal surgery		
7.1	<b>Hospital Network (DSP)</b>	Bankmed Hospital Network DSPs for the Basic Plan
7.2	<b>Hospitalisation</b> Subject to pre-authorisation	<p>Benefits for PMBs and non-PMBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost at contracted rate in-hospital network DSPs</li> <li>• 80% of Scheme Rate in non-DSPs</li> <li>• 100% of cost for involuntary use of non-DSP</li> </ul> <p>Benefits limited to general ward rate</p> <p>No benefit for dental surgery and auxiliary services, except for PMBs</p> <p>Benefits only available on referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP or referred specialist</p>
7.3	<b>Deductibles</b>	<p>A beneficiary will be responsible for a deductible in respect of the hospital account for certain hospital events, unless the admission is related to a Prescribed Minimum Benefit diagnosis typically as a result of an emergency. The deductible will apply regardless of whether the procedure attracting the deductible was the primary reason for the admission or not. Member to pay hospital or day clinic directly upon admission. Deductibles are payable for all specified hospital admissions, except under the following circumstances:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions where admission to a non-DSP is on an involuntary basis. In the case of other PMB conditions, where a DSP has been used on a voluntary basis, the deductible will be applied</li> <li>2. Confinements are excluded from deductibles</li> <li>3. Re-admissions to hospital within six weeks of discharge following complications directly related to a prior admission in respect of which a deductible was levied</li> <li>4. Admissions to a State Hospital</li> <li>5. Authorised day clinic admissions for specified procedures, as communicated to members from time to time</li> </ol> <p>Detailed deductible information is set out on page 34 of this Benefit and Contribution Schedule</p>

7 HOSPITALISATION (CONTINUED)		
7.3.1	<b>Deductible applicable to a use of a non-DSP Facility</b>	
	A deductible will apply to all beneficiaries when the beneficiary chooses to utilise a non-DSP facility (both hospital and day clinics). The deductible applies upfront and will need to be settled at the facility prior to admission	
	<b>PMB admission: Involuntary use of non-DSP</b>	No deductible
	<b>PMB admission: Voluntary use of non-DSP</b> Applies to all admissions	Day clinic: R240 deductible Hospital: R600 deductible
	<b>Non-PMB admission</b> Applies to all admissions	Day clinic: R240 deductible Hospital: R600 deductible
7.3.2	<b>Deductible applicable to a specific list of treatment/procedures carried out in Day Surgery Network</b>	
	The following conditions/procedures will NOT attract a deductible at a Day Surgery Network (list of conditions/procedures applies to DSP only):	
	1. Adenoidectomy	12. Myringotomy with intubation (grommets)
	2. Arthrocentesis	13. Nasal cautery
	3. Cataract Surgery	14. Nasal plugging for nose bleeds
	4. Cautery of vulva warts	15. Proctoscopy
	5. Circumcision	16. Prostate biopsy
	6. Colonoscopy	17. Removal of pins and plates
	7. Cystourethroscopy	18. Sigmoidoscopy
	8. Diagnostic D and C	19. Tonsillectomy
	9. Gastroscopy	20. Treatment of Bartholins cyst/gland
	10. Hysteroscopy	21. Vasectomy
	11. Myringotomy	22. Vulva/cone biopsy
	If the member chooses to have the abovementioned procedures/treatments performed in a non-network Day Surgery facility or in a hospital, the member will be liable for a deductible per admission	

7 HOSPITALISATION (CONTINUED)		
	<p><b>PMB admission: Involuntary use of a non-DSP</b></p> <p><b>PMB admission: Voluntary use of non-DSP</b> Applies to all admissions</p> <p><b>Non-PMB admission</b> Applies to all admissions</p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>Non-DSP: R1 575 deductible</p> <p>Non-PMB: R1 575 deductible</p>
7.3.3	<p><b>Deductible applicable to Dental Admissions to Private Hospitals and Day Clinics</b></p> <p>A deductible will apply to all beneficiaries when the beneficiary is admitted to hospital or a day clinic for dental treatment. The deductible applies upfront and will need to be settled at the facility prior to admission</p>	
	<p><b>Applies to both DSP and non-DSP Facilities</b></p>	<p>No benefit for in-hospital dental treatment, except PMBs</p>
7.3.4	<p><b>Deductible applicable to a specific list of treatment/procedures performed in Hospital Network DSPs</b></p> <p>A deductible will apply to all beneficiaries when the beneficiary obtains treatment for the specified treatment/procedures set out below. The deductible applies when the beneficiary is admitted to hospital or a day clinic that falls within the list of DSP/network providers. The deductible applies upfront and will need to be settled at the facility prior to admission</p>	
	<p><b>The following procedures will always attract a deductible at a hospital/day clinic at a DSP facility:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Oesophagoscopy</b></li> <li><b>Simple abdominal hernia repair</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Applies to all admissions</b></p>	<p>Day clinic: R240 deductible</p> <p>Hospital: R600 deductible</p>
7.4	<p><b>To-take-out drugs supplied by the hospital when a patient is discharged</b></p>	<p>100% of cost, limited to PMBs and a maximum of seven days' supply per admission</p> <p>Must be charged on the hospital account where a hospital event has taken place. Not payable if obtained via a pharmacy after discharge.</p> <p>If procedure took place in a day clinic, a maximum of a seven day supply will be funded from Insured Benefits if obtained from a retail pharmacy on the date of discharge only</p>

8 OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS AND FACILITY FEES FOR OUTPATIENT VISITS		
8.1	<p><b>Outpatient consultations with GPs and Specialists at hospital emergency rooms and outpatient units</b></p>	<p>Regarded as an out-of-hospital GP/specialist consultation in rooms, unless resulting in an authorised hospital admission</p> <p>See 'GPs: Consultations rooms' and 'Specialists: Consultations in rooms', set out in the Benefit Table</p>
8.2	<p><b>Facility fees for outpatient visits to hospital emergency rooms</b></p>	<p>Facility fees for outpatient visits subject to out-of-hospital Specialist Consultation in Rooms Limit, unless resulting in an authorised hospital admission</p>
9 GP CONSULTATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL		
9.1	<p><b>Post-hospital GP consultation within 30 days of discharge from hospital</b></p>	<p>Additional Insured Benefits: 'General Practitioner (GPs): Post-hospital GP consultation within 30 days of discharge from hospital (excluding day cases) as set out in the Benefit Table</p>
10 BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS		
10.1	<p><b>Blood Transfusions</b></p>	<p>100% of cost, unlimited</p>
11 ORGAN AND BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTS		
<p>Subject to pre-authorisation. Organ recipient must be a Bankmed beneficiary for benefit to apply; no benefits for travelling and non-hospital accommodation expenses</p>		
11.1	<p><b>Hospitalisation/Organ and patient preparation</b></p>	<p>Benefits for hospitalisation as specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables, limited to PMBs</p>
11.2	<p><b>Medication</b></p> <p>In- and out-of-hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Medication via designated pharmacy (DSP)</b></li> <li><b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Voluntary use of non-DSP</li> <li><b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Involuntary use of non-DSP</li> </ul>	<p>Limited to PMBs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> <li>80% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price plus dispensing fee, limited to PMBs</li> <li>100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> </ul>
11.3	<p><b>Harvesting and transporting of organs and other donor costs</b></p>	<p>100% of cost, limited to PMBs</p>

12	ONCOLOGY Subject to pre-authorisation	
12.1	<b>In- and out-of-hospital consultations, treatment and materials</b>	Limited to PMBs, 100% of cost at a DSP or 100% of Scheme Rate at non-DSP
12.2	<b>Radiotherapy fees, chemotherapy facility and professional fees</b>	100% of Scheme Rate
12.3	<b>Medication</b> In- and out-of-hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medication via designated pharmacy (DSP)</b></li> <li>• <b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Voluntary use of non-DSP</li> <li>• <b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Involuntary use of non-DSP</li> </ul>	Limited to PMBs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> <li>• 80% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price plus dispensing fee, limited to PMBs</li> <li>• 100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> </ul>

13	RENAL DIALYSIS Subject to pre-authorisation	
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13.1	<b>Procedures and treatment</b>	Limited to PMBs, 100% of cost at a DSP or 100% of Scheme Rate at non-DSP
13.2	<b>Medication</b> In- and out-of-hospital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medication via designated pharmacy (DSP)</b></li> <li>• <b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Voluntary use of non-DSP</li> <li>• <b>Medication via non-DSP</b> Involuntary use of non-DSP</li> </ul>	Limited to PMBs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> <li>• 80% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price plus dispensing fee, limited to PMBs</li> <li>• 100% of cost, limited to PMBs</li> </ul>

14	PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH	
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14.1	<b>Baby-and-Me Programme for expectant mothers</b>	No benefit
14.2	<b>Hospitalisation and associated in-hospital services</b> Subject to pre-authorisation	Benefits as specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables Hospital network rules apply
14.3	<b>Midwife care and delivery</b> Subject to pre-authorisation	100% of Scheme Rate Limited to PMBs
14.4	<b>Birthing facilities as an alternative to hospitalisation</b> Subject to pre-authorisation	100% of Scheme Rate, limited to PMBs Cost of disposables limited to R1 065 per case
14.5	<b>Antenatal and postnatal care: GP and Specialist consultations and procedures in rooms</b>	Benefits for GPs and specialists as specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables
14.6	<b>Antenatal and postnatal care: Ultrasonic investigations</b> Radiology	Ultrasonic investigations limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one first trimester 2D scan (per pregnancy) at contracted rate via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP</li> <li>• one second trimester 2D scan (per pregnancy) at contracted rate via a Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSP) gynaecologist/ obstetrician</li> <li>• Scan as per the above are covered at 100% of cost</li> </ul> All other/additional radiology benefits as specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables
14.7	<b>Antenatal and postnatal care: Pathology</b>	Benefits for pathology as specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables
14.8	<b>Additional Insured Benefits subject to registration on the Baby-and-Me Programme</b>	No benefit

15 RADIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY		
15.1	<b>Radiology</b> In-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate, unlimited
15.2	<b>Pathology</b> In-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate, unlimited
15.3	<b>MRI/CT scans, Radionuclide scans in- and out-of-hospital</b> Subject to pre-authorisation	In-hospital at 100% of Scheme Rate, unlimited Out-of-hospital at 100% of cost, limited to PMBs via radiology facilities at hospital network DSPs only
15.4	<b>Radiology and Pathology</b> Out-of-hospital	100% of cost, unlimited via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network and subject to Scheme-approved medicine list (formulary)  For radiology/pathology requested or carried out via a specialist, the benefit will be subject to the out-of-hospital 'Specialists: Consultations/ Procedures in rooms' limit, specified elsewhere in these Benefit Tables, except for one 2D scan in the second trimester via a Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSP) gynaecologist/obstetrician, as specified in 14.6

16 ALTERNATIVES TO HOSPITALISATION  
Subject to pre-authorisation

16.1	<b>Step-down facilities</b>	100% of Scheme Rate Unlimited
16.2	<b>Hospice</b> Ward fees and disposables	100% of Scheme Rate Unlimited
16.3	<b>Compassionate Care Benefit: End-of-life care for non-oncology patients</b> In-patient care and homecare visits	No benefit See Hospice Benefit as specified in 16.2

16 ALTERNATIVES TO HOSPITALISATION (CONTINUED)

16.4	<b>Advanced Illness Benefit: Defined list of out-of-hospital benefits for patients with advanced oncology conditions only</b> End-of-life treatment	No benefit See Hospice Benefit as specified in 16.2
16.5	<b>Frail Care Facilities</b>	No benefit
16.6	<b>Home Nursing</b>	No benefit
16.7	<b>HomeCare Services</b> For procedures not requiring admission to a day clinic or hospital. Subject to Scheme Clinical Entry Criteria. Subject to pre-authorisation	100% of Scheme Rate Unlimited

17 INTERNAL PROSTHESIS  
Subject to clinical motivation, the application of clinical and funding protocols and Scheme approval. Bankmed reserves the right to obtain further quotations prior to granting approval. The prostheses accumulate to the limit. The balance of the hospital and related accounts do not accumulate to the annual limit. All sub-limits are further subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit of R67 570 pbpa, applicable to all internal prosthesis items, excluding pacemakers and defibrillators) on the specified Plan. Dental implants are not regarded as internal prosthesis, for the purpose of the Rules. See 'Dentistry and orthodontics: Advanced dentistry' for available implants benefits/limits for your Plan

17.1	<b>Internal Prosthesis</b>	100% of Scheme Rate as per Internal Prosthesis List, subject to a combined limit of R67 570 pbpa for all internal prosthesis items
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Internal Prosthesis sub-limits:

17.2	<b>Spinal Fusions</b>	100% of Scheme Rate of device Limited to R45 530 pbpa Subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit
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17.3	<b>Cardiac Stents</b>	100% of Scheme Rate of device Limited to R67 305 pbpa Subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit
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Internal Prosthesis sub-limits (continued):		
17.4	<b>Grafts</b>	100% of Scheme Rate of device Limited to R36 445 pbpa Subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit
17.5	<b>Cardiac Valves</b>	100% of Scheme Rate of device Limited to R38 325 pbpa Subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit
17.6	<b>Hip, Knee and Shoulder Joints</b>	100% of Scheme Rate for device Limited to R44 975 per prosthesis per admission if prosthesis is not supplied by the Scheme's network provider If supplied by the Scheme's network provider, unlimited and not subject to combined limit for all internal prosthesis items
17.7	<b>Non-specified items</b>	100% of Scheme Rate of device Limited to R21 000 pbpa Subject to the combined Internal Prosthesis limit
18	<b>PACEMAKERS AND DEFIBRILLATORS</b> Subject to clinical motivation, the application of clinical/funding protocols and Scheme approval. Bankmed reserves the right to obtain further quotations prior to granting approval	
18.1	<b>Pacemakers and Defibrillators</b>	Limited to PMBs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost at hospital network DSPs</li> <li>• 80% of cost at non-DSPs</li> </ul>

19	<b>SPECIALISED LENSES</b> Subject to pre-authorisation and the treatment meeting the Scheme's criteria. Covered in full when supplied by the Scheme's preferred suppliers, otherwise covered up to the Scheme Rate for the lens	
19.1	<b>Specialised Lenses</b> Permanent, implantable lenses, inclusive of basic and specialised lens varieties	Limited to PMBs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost if preferred provider used</li> <li>• 100% of Scheme Rate if non-preferred provider used</li> </ul> Where the provider marks up the lens cost in excess of the agreed rate, the Scheme will not be responsible for the shortfall
20	<b>COCHLEAR IMPLANTS</b> Subject to pre-authorisation and Scheme protocols. Once in a lifetime benefit. Funding only available in recognised Centres of Excellence. Visit <a href="http://www.bankmed.co.za">www.bankmed.co.za</a> ; select 'Network Providers' and then 'Centres for Cochlear Implants 2019' for a comprehensive list	
20.1	<b>Hospitalisation</b>	No benefit
20.2	<b>Pre-operative Evaluation and Associated Preparation Costs</b>	No benefit
20.3	<b>Cochlear Implant Device</b>	No benefit
20.4	<b>Intra-operative Audiology Testing</b>	No benefit
20.5	<b>Post-operative Evaluation Costs</b>	No benefit
21	<b>SPEECH PROCESSORS</b> Subject to clinical motivation, the application of clinical/funding protocols and Scheme approval	
21.1	<b>Upgrade or Replacement of Speech Processors</b>	No benefit
22	<b>HEARING AIDS</b>	
22.1	<b>Hearing Aids</b> Supply and fitment	No benefit, except for PMBs
22.2	<b>Hearing Aid Repairs</b>	No benefit
22.3	<b>Bone Anchored Hearing Aids</b>	No benefit

23 EXTERNAL PROSTHESIS, MEDICAL AND SURGICAL APPLIANCES, BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS, NEBULISERS AND GLUCOMETERS  
Benefit includes the repair of the prosthesis

23.1	<b>External Prosthesis:</b> <b>Benefit for Limbs and Eyes</b>	100% of Scheme Rate  Limited to R2 970 pfpa  Combined limit with medical and surgical appliances, blood pressure monitors, nebulisers and glucometers
23.2	<b>Medical and Surgical Appliances</b> Claim frequency limits apply – refer to 23.6	Combined limit of R2 970 pfpa with external prosthesis, blood pressure monitors, nebulisers and glucometers and subject to pre- authorisation  No benefit for wheelchairs and large orthopaedic appliances on this Plan, except for PMBs  100% of Scheme Rate
23.3	<b>Blood Pressure Monitors, Nebulisers and Glucometers</b> Claim frequency limits apply – refer to 23.6	Subject to pre- authorisation 100% of Scheme Rate, subject to the combined limit of R2 970 pfpa with external prosthesis and medical and surgical appliances, and further limited as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood pressure monitors: R1 140 pbpa</li> <li>• Nebulisers: R1 605 pbpa</li> <li>• Glucometers: R805 pbpa</li> </ul>
23.4	<b>Arch Supports and Shoe Insoles</b> Claim frequency limits apply – refer to 23.6	No benefit

23.5	<b>Breast Pumps and Baby Monitors</b>	No benefit
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23 EXTERNAL PROSTHESIS, MEDICAL AND SURGICAL APPLIANCES, BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS, NEBULISERS AND GLUCOMETERS (CONTINUED)

23.6 **Frequency Limits Pertaining to Medical and Surgical Appliances, Blood Pressure Monitors, Nebulisers, Glucometers, etc.**

Appliances may be claimed once over a specified period. The following appliances may be claimed once per the specified period below:

Appliances/Device	Frequency	Appliances/Device	Frequency
BP Monitor	Once every three years	Portable Oxygen	Once every four years
Humidifier	Once every three years	Glucometer	Once every three years
CPAP Machine	Once every three years	Nebuliser	Once every three years
Crutches	Once every two years	Surgical Boot/Moon Boot	Once every two years
Rigid Back Brace	Once every two years	Brace/Calipers	Once every two years
Foot Orthotics	Once every two years	Wigs	Once every two years
Sling/Clavicle Brace	Once every two years	Breast Prosthesis Bras	Two per annum*
Breast Prosthesis	Once every two years	Commodes	Once every three years
Wheelchairs	Once every three years	Walking Frames	Once every two years
Compression Stockings	Two per year		

The above limits apply to members who qualify for the abovementioned benefits per their Plan Type. Should a member not qualify for the benefit, the frequency limit is not applicable.

\*Where Plans have Rand limits in place, members may claim for more than two breast prosthesis bras, provided that the Rand limit is not exceeded.

24 PSYCHIATRY, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND RELATED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

24.1	<p><b>Hospitalisation:</b></p> <p>Subject to pre-authorisation</p> <p><b>Hospital Network DSPs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All admissions at network DSP</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Hospitals (non-DSPs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMB admission: involuntary use of non-DSP</li> <li>PMB admission: voluntary use of non-DSP</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Hospitals (non-DSPs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-PMB admission</li> </ul> <p><b>In-hospital Consultations/ Sessions</b></p>	<p>Limited to PMBs</p> <p>Subject to referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost for Bankmed Network Psychiatric facilities (DSPs)</li> <li>100% of cost</li> <li>80% of Scheme Rate</li> <li>No benefit</li> <li>100% of cost for Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network: DSPs</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul> <p>Cover for 21 days in hospital in line with PMB regulations</p>
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24.2	<p><b>Post-hospital Psychiatric consultation within 30 days of discharge from hospital following a psychiatric admission</b></p> <p>Applies for psychiatric admissions for Major Depression, Schizophrenia and Bipolar Mood Disorder only (excluding day cases)</p>	<p>One additional post-hospitalisation Psychiatrist consultation covered as an Insured Benefit (not payable from other day-to-day benefits), per beneficiary visiting a Psychiatrist within 30 days of discharge, following an authorised hospital admission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at a contracted rate for Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (Psychiatrist only) - DSPs</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul> <p>Limited to three consultations per beneficiary per year, following an authorised admission, thereafter funded from standard specialist benefits</p>
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24 PSYCHIATRY, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND RELATED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (CONTINUED)

24.3	<p><b>Consultations/Sessions out-of-hospital</b></p> <p><b>Important note:</b></p> <p>Cover for 15 out-of-hospital psychotherapy sessions for PMBs</p>	<p>Limited to PMBs</p> <p>Benefits subject to pre-authorisation, PMB regulations and referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at contracted rate for Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSPs)</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul>
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25 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

25.1	<p><b>Psychiatric consultations/sessions in-hospital</b></p> <p>Subject to pre-authorisation</p>	See 'Psychiatry, clinical psychology and related occupational therapy: Hospitalisation and in-hospital consultations/sessions' in these Benefit Tables
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25.2	<p><b>Psychiatric consultations/sessions</b></p> <p>Out-of-hospital</p>	See 'Psychiatry, clinical psychology and related occupational therapy: Consultations/Sessions out-of-hospital' in these Benefit Tables
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25.3	<p><b>Non-Psychiatric consultations/sessions in-hospital</b></p> <p>Subject to pre-authorisation</p>	Limited to PMBs and subject to pre-authorisation 100% of cost for PMBs
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25.4	<p><b>Non-psychiatric consultations/sessions</b></p> <p>Out-of-hospital</p>	Limited to PMBs and subject to pre-authorisation and referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP) 100% of cost for PMBs
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26 SPEECH THERAPY, AUDIO THERAPY AND AUDIOLOGY

26.1	<p><b>Speech Therapy, Audio Therapy and Audiology</b></p> <p>In- and out-of-hospital</p>	100% of Scheme Rate, limited to PMBs and subject to pre-authorisation and referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP)
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27 PHYSIOTHERAPY		
27.1	<b>Physiotherapy</b> In-hospital	Limited to PMBs 100% of cost for PMBs
27.2	<b>Post-hospitalisation physiotherapy within six weeks of discharge from hospital, following an authorised hospital admission</b>	See 'Physiotherapy (out-of-hospital)' below
27.3	<b>Physiotherapy</b> Out-of-hospital	Limited to PMBs and subject to pre- authorisation and referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100% of cost for PMBs</li></ul>
28 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR BENEFICIARIES WITH NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS Subject to approval. Additional discretionary Insured Benefits in the following categories may be granted for beneficiaries with neurodevelopmental disorders, subject to clinical motivation and Scheme approval The quantum of additional benefits, if approved, shall be decided on a case-for-case basis and granted at the applicable contracted rate or Scheme Rate as set out below		
28.1	<b>Occupational Therapy: Psychiatric consultations/sessions</b> Out-of-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate or contracted rate, whichever applies
28.2	<b>Occupational Therapy: Non-psychiatric consultations/sessions</b> Out-of-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate or contracted rate, whichever applies
28.3	<b>Physiotherapy</b> Out-of-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate or contracted rate, whichever applies
28.4	<b>Speech Therapy</b> Out-of-hospital	100% of Scheme Rate or contracted rate, whichever applies
29 OTHER AUXILIARY SERVICES In- and out-of-hospital		
29.1	<b>Auxiliary Allied Services</b> Chiroprody, Podiatry, Dietetics (nutritional assessments), Orthotics, Massage, Chiropractors, Herbalists, Naturopaths, Family Planning Clinics, Homeopaths and Biokineticists (fitness assessments)	100% of Scheme Rate, limited to PMBs and subject to pre-authorization and referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP)  Out of hospital cover is subject to PMB application

30 MAXILLOFACIAL AND ORAL SURGERY Subject to pre-authorization. NB: Benefits for caps, crowns, bridges and endosteal and ossea-integrate implants are dealt with under dentistry and orthodontics: Advanced dentistry – see 31.2 below		
30.1	<b>Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery</b> Consultations, procedures and treatment in- and out-of-hospital	Limited to PMBs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100% of cost at contracted rate for Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSPs)</li><li>• 100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li></ul>
31 DENTISTRY Subject to pre-authorization. NB: Benefits for caps, crowns, bridges, endosteal and ossea-integrated implants are dealt with under dentistry and orthodontics: Advanced dentistry – see 31.2 below		
31.1	<b>Preventative and Basic Dentistry</b>	100% of Scheme Rate, unlimited, via Bankmed Dental Network  Subject to Scheme-approved formulary
31.2	<b>Advanced Dentistry</b> Caps, crowns, bridges and cost of endosteal and ossea-integrated implants	No benefit
31.3	<b>Orthodontics</b> Subject to orthodontic quotation and prior approval from Scheme	No benefit
31.4	<b>All other Dental Services</b>	100% of Scheme Rate via Bankmed Dental Network and subject to Scheme-approved formulary for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Second and subsequent examinations in the same year</li><li>• X-rays</li></ul>

32 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GPs)		
32.1	<b>GP Consultations</b> In-hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at contracted rate, unlimited for Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs (DSPs)</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul>
32.2	<b>GP Procedures</b> In-hospital	Benefit unlimited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at contracted rate via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs (DSPs)</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs (including PMBs)</li> </ul> No benefit for dental surgery, except for PMBs
32.3	<b>Post-hospitalisation GP Consultation within 30 days of discharge from hospital (excluding day cases)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at the contracted rate via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs (DSPs)</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul> Subject to out-of-network limit for non-Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs. See 'GPs: Consultations in rooms' for details
32.4	<b>GPs: Consultations in rooms</b>	Members must make use of Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs (DSPs) on this Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at contracted rate, unlimited for selected Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs (DSP) in accordance with preferred provider contract</li> <li>Limited to three visits, to a maximum of R2 050 pfpa (at Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network rate) for consultations, procedures and medicine at non-Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs, when the selected Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP is not available or the beneficiary is out of town; Out-of-network limit includes all costs arising from the out-of-network consultation</li> </ul>
32.5	<b>GPs: Procedures in rooms</b>	See 'GPs: Consultations in rooms' in section 32.4

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Pre-authorization is required for PMB funding of treatment and care of the PMB Chronic Disease List (CDL) conditions. Have your doctor and pharmacist call 0800 132 345 to register your chronic medication or send a motivation confirming your PMB diagnosis to [pmb\\_app\\_forms@bankmed.co.za](mailto:pmb_app_forms@bankmed.co.za) if chronic medication has not been prescribed for your condition.**

32 GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GPs) (CONTINUED)		
32.6	<b>GPs: Virtual consultations</b> Subject to member and/or beneficiary consulting with GP face-to-face during prior six month period and verification notes submitted by claiming GP  Subject to out-of-hospital GP Benefits and Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost for Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GPs: DSPs</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> <li>Limited to three consultations pbpa</li> <li>Subject to Out-of-network GP Limit if non-DSP used</li> </ul>
33 SPECIALISTS		
NB: Psychiatrists, oncologists, radiologists, pathologists, maxillofacial and oral surgeons and other dental practitioners are dealt with elsewhere in these Benefit Tables		
33.1	<b>Specialist consultation and procedures</b> In-hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost of contracted rate at Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSPs), unlimited</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> </ul>
33.2	<b>Specialists: Consultations in rooms</b>  Pre-authorization required for all Plans, excluding Comprehensive and Plus  Be sure to obtain a referral from your GP and an authorisation number before seeing a specialist – for all plans, excluding Comprehensive and Plus  Make use of our DSPs to limit or avoid co-payments	Benefits subject to referral by a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP, and limited to:  M: R1 855 pbpa  M + 1 +: R2 910 pfpa  (combined limit with specialist procedures in rooms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of cost at contracted rate for Bankmed Entry Plan Specialist Network (DSPs)</li> <li>80% of cost if no pre-authorization and no referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP)</li> <li>100% of Scheme Rate for non-DSPs</li> <li>80% of Scheme Rate if no pre-authorization and no referral from a Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP)</li> </ul> Annual limit includes basic radiology, scans, pathology and acute medication prescribed by specialist/ appearing on specialist's claim  Continued benefits for PMBs, subject to PMB regulations and approval

33 SPECIALISTS (CONTINUED)

33.3	<b>Specialists: Procedures in rooms</b>	See 'Specialists: Consultations in rooms' in section 33.2
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34 REGISTERED PRIVATE NURSE PRACTITIONERS

34.1	<b>Consultations and Procedures</b>	<p>Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of Scheme Rate, unlimited</li> </ul> <p>Consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three consultations pbpa at 100% of Scheme Rate</li> </ul>
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35 OPTOMETRY CONSULTATIONS, SPECTACLES, FRAMES, LENSES AND CONTACT LENSES

35.1	<b>Optometry: Consultations</b> Subject to the Optometry Benefit Management Programme and clinical necessity	<p>100% of cost, limited to one consultation pb every two years, via Iso Leso Optometry Network</p> <p>Out of network: No benefit</p>
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35.2	<b>Frames and Extras</b>	<p>100% of cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to one frame pb every two years, via Iso Leso Optometry Network</li> </ul> <p>Out of network: No benefit</p>
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35.3	<b>Prescription Lenses</b> Clear, standard/generic, single vision, bifocal or multi-focal lenses	<p>100% of cost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to one pair of prescription lenses pb every two years, via Iso Leso Optometry Network</li> <li>• Out of network: No benefit for readymade readers</li> </ul>
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35.4	<b>Readymade Readers</b>	No benefit
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35.5	<b>Contact Lenses</b>	No benefit
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35.6	<b>Fitting of Contact Lenses</b>	No benefit
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35.7	<b>Sunglasses</b>	No benefit
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36 REFRACTIVE SURGERY AND ASSOCIATED COSTS (INCLUDING HOSPITALISATION)

36.1	<b>Other Optometric Services</b> Refractive surgery/excimer laser treatment, hospitalisation and associated costs	No benefit, including the cost of hospitalisation, medication and all other associated services
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37 MEDICATION  
NB: In the case of qualifying prescribed acute and chronic medication, each prescription or repeat prescription shall be limited to one month's supply per beneficiary per month

37.1	<b>Prescribed Acute Medication</b> See 'Contraception: Oral contraceptives, devices and injectables' for additional Insured Benefits	<p>Medication via DSP (Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP and Bankmed Pharmacy Network):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost plus contracted dispensing fee, unlimited</li> </ul> <p>Medication via non-DSP (voluntary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subject to out-of-network GP consultations and procedures limit of R2 050 pfpa</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Medication via non-DSP (involuntary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost plus contracted dispensing fee, unlimited</li> </ul> <p><b>Important note:</b></p> <p>Medication obtained from a DSP or non-DSP, if prescribed by a non-DSP provider, will accumulate to the out-of-network GP consultations and procedures limit of R2 050 pfpa</p> <p>Subject to Scheme-approved formulary</p>
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37.2	<b>Self-medication: Over-the-counter Medication/Pharmacy Advised Therapy (PAT)</b>	No benefit
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37.3	<b>Homeopathic Medication</b> On prescription only, and limited to items with NAPPi codes	No benefit
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37	MEDICATION (CONTINUED)	
37.4	<p><b>Chronic Medication</b></p> <p>Subject to prior application and approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost at contracted rate, unlimited via Bankmed GP Entry Plan Network GP (DSP) and subject to Scheme-approved medicine list (formulary)</li> </ul> <p>Medication via non-DSP (voluntary use of non-DSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of Scheme Medicine Reference Price</li> <li>• Subject to out of network GP consultations and procedures limit of R 2 050 pfpa</li> </ul> <p>Medication via non-DSP (involuntary use of non-DSP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of cost plus contracted dispensing fee</li> </ul>
37.5	<p><b>Biologics and High-cost Specialised Medication</b></p> <p>Utilised in the management of PMB CDL and Non-PMB chronic conditions</p> <p><b><i>Includes all off-label drugs</i></b></p> <p>(request for a drug not registered for the condition by the Medicines Control Council (MCC))</p> <p><b><i>Includes all Section 21 drugs</i></b></p> <p>(drugs not registered by MCC for use in SA)</p> <p><b>PMB Algorithm Medication</b></p> <p><b>PMB Non-Algorithm Medication</b></p> <p><b>Non-PMB Non-Algorithm Medication</b></p>	<p>PMB only</p> <p>100% of cost</p> <p>No benefit</p> <p>No benefit</p> <p>Subject to PMB regulations</p>



**PART C – SPECIFIC BENEFIT INFORMATION**



# HOSPITAL ADMISSION GUIDELINES

## Important information to note when being admitted to hospital

Being admitted to hospital can be stressful. We hope that by sharing this information with you, we can help you plan your admission.

### Hospital pre-authorization

You must get authorisation before you are admitted to hospital for a planned procedure. Contact us for pre-authorization as soon as you and your Healthcare Professional have agreed on a date for admission by:

 calling **0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)**

 sending an e-mail to [treatment@bankmed.co.za](mailto:treatment@bankmed.co.za) or

 sending a fax to **021 527 1928**

If your Healthcare Professional obtains authorisation on your behalf, it is essential that you ensure that you obtain all the information about the authorisation from the Healthcare Professional. This will include information about what will and will not be covered, any co-payments or deductibles and possible shortfalls. Bankmed cannot be held liable for information not shared with members by their Healthcare Professionals.

**If you are admitted to hospital in case of an emergency, please contact us for authorisation within 48 hours.**

## Ask your treating Healthcare Professional for the following information and have it at hand when calling for pre-authorization:

- Your treating Healthcare Professional's practice number
- Name of the hospital to which you or your dependant will be admitted
- The date of admission
- The diagnosis code (ICD-10 code)
- Any tariff and procedure codes that will be used

We send an authorisation letter directly to the hospital and to the member as soon as the admission is approved and we will send you an SMS with pre-authorization details if we have your cellphone number.

### Pre-authorization is not a guarantee of payment

When we give you pre-authorization, we confirm that your hospital admission meets our clinical protocols for funding. It does not guarantee we will cover all the costs related to the hospitalisation as this depends on your Plan's limits. Always check your Plan limits in the benefit schedule and call us on **0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)** for benefit confirmation if you are unsure.

## Upfront payment (deductible) when you are admitted to hospital

You may have to pay an amount upfront when you are admitted to a hospital or a day clinic for certain procedures. You don't have any upfront payments for emergency admissions, re-admissions within six weeks of discharge or childbirth.

If you have an upfront payment, you will only have to pay one deductible for each admission. However, we calculate the upfront payment according to the highest deductible for the admission.

Refer to the section on Deductibles in this Benefit and Contribution Schedule for more information.

### How we pay your treating Healthcare Professional?

The benefits (rate of cover and limits) to which you are entitled are set out in the Benefit and Contribution Schedule.

Always discuss costs with the treating Healthcare Professional and ask if they charge the Scheme Rate. If they charge more than the Scheme Rate, you have to pay the difference.

Ask whether other Healthcare Professionals (such as an anaesthetist or an assistant) will be involved in your treatment and if they charge the Scheme Rate.

If you negotiate tariffs upfront, you can avoid unexpectedly having to pay a large amount yourself.

### We pay a lower fee if more than one procedure is done while under one anaesthetic.

Industry guidelines require that Healthcare Professionals charge lower fees for second and subsequent procedures performed under one anaesthetic, than they would charge when performing these procedures individually. Your treating Healthcare Professional is aware of these guidelines and should follow them. Ask them to go through any planned charges with you before the procedure and discuss the cost. Make sure that you are not billed the full amount if you are having more than one procedure under one anaesthetic.

### Ensure your contact details are updated at all times

We send pre-authorisation letters to the provider and to the member directly when pre-authorisation is granted. We send the pre-authorisation letters directly to your dependant if the dependant is aged 18 years or older.

Please ensure that your e-mail address is updated with us at all times. Please also ensure that we have been provided with your dependant's e-mail address if they are aged 18 years and older. These letters contain important information about what will and will not be covered by Bankmed.

Bankmed cannot be held liable for any consequence resulting from lack of receipt of letters by members and/or their dependants when contact details were not updated for correspondence and confirmation purposes.

### Discharge planning

While you are in hospital, your Healthcare Professional and the hospital stays in contact with us to ensure we have updates to your authorisation if your treatment plan changes. A case manager also helps you with leaving hospital if you need rehabilitation in another setting, such as a step-down facility, or if you need home nursing.

## COVER FOR EMERGENCIES

Your benefits also include cover for medical emergencies in South Africa.

### What to do in an emergency?

In an emergency, call **Bankmed Emergency Services** on **0860 999 911**. This number is on your membership card so you always have it on hand. We suggest you save it on your cellphone under 'medical aid emergency' too.

### Emergency services

**Bankmed Emergency Services** offers real-time emergency care for all Bankmed members. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for any emergency calls. The line is managed by highly qualified emergency personnel who assess each case and provide immediate feedback and assistance. If you require medically equipped transport in South Africa, **Bankmed Emergency Services** will send emergency transport, such as an ambulance or helicopter, to take you to hospital. We will cover the costs from your Hospital Benefit, whether you are admitted to hospital or not. You may go to any private hospital in an emergency. If you are admitted to hospital we cover your emergency hospital admission. There is no overall limit for hospital cover on your Plan.

### Calling from outside South Africa

If you are outside the borders of South Africa call **+27 11 529 6616** in an emergency or if you have any questions. Note: This line is only for international callers. We advise that you save this number on your mobile device to have immediate access in case of an emergency.

## CHRONIC ILLNESS BENEFIT

### Cover for chronic conditions

The Chronic Illness Benefit gives cover for medication if you have a listed condition for which you have to take medication for three months or longer. You have cover for 25 conditions (including HIV and AIDS) on the Chronic Disease List.

You have to register on the Chronic Illness Benefit and meet our clinical criteria before you can start claiming for chronic medication. To apply, your Healthcare Professional must complete a *Chronic Illness Benefit* application form and send it to us.

### How to apply for chronic medication?

To obtain authorisation for your chronic medicine ask your Healthcare Professional or pharmacist to complete the *Chronic Illness Benefit* application form and send it to us by:

✉ [chronicbasicsessential@bankmed.co.za](mailto:chronicbasicsessential@bankmed.co.za)

☎ 011 539 7000

## ONCOLOGY

### Cover for cancer

If you are diagnosed with cancer, you have access to cover through the Oncology Programme once we approve your cancer treatment.

On the Basic Plan, cover for approved cancer treatment is limited to Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs) only, subject to pre-authorisation.

Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and other healthcare services payable from the Oncology Programme are subject to evidence-based medication, cost effectiveness and affordability.

If the healthcare service does not meet the Scheme's criteria, it will not be funded by the Scheme. Bankmed's Oncology Programme follows the South African Oncology Consortium's guidelines to make sure you have access to the most appropriate level of treatment for the particular stage of your cancer.

### How to register on the Oncology Programme?

Register for the Oncology Programme by:

☎ 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)

✉ [oncology@bankmed.co.za](mailto:oncology@bankmed.co.za)

☎ 011 539 5417

## HIV AND AIDS

### Cover for HIV and AIDS

For members living with HIV and AIDS, Bankmed's HIV Programme provides comprehensive disease management.

We take the utmost care to protect your right to privacy and confidentiality. When you register on our HIV Programme you are covered for the all-inclusive care that you require. You will have access to clinically-sound and cost-effective treatment and you are assured of confidentiality at all times.

We cover approved medication on our medicine list (formulary) in full. We cover medication not on our list up to a set monthly amount.

You need to obtain your medication from a Designated Service Provider to avoid having to pay part of the cost yourself.

### How to register for the HIV Programme?

Register for the HIV Programme by:

☎ 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)

✉ [hiv@bankmed.co.za](mailto:hiv@bankmed.co.za)

☎ 011 539 3151



# PRESCRIBED MINIMUM BENEFITS (PMBs)

## What you need to know about Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs)?

According to the Medical Schemes Act 131 of 1998, all medical schemes must cover the costs of Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs) as long as the member meets the clinical entry criteria, follows the prescribed treatment and uses a Network Provider, sometimes called a Designated Service Provider (DSP). **PMBs only apply within the borders of South Africa.**

## What are Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs)?

PMBs are a set of defined benefits that make sure that all medical scheme members have access to certain minimum health services, regardless of their Plan. Medical schemes have to cover the costs related to the diagnosis, treatment and care of:

- Any life-threatening emergency medical condition
- A limited set of 270 medical conditions (defined in the Diagnosis Treatment Pairs)
- 25 chronic conditions (defined in the *Chronic Disease List*)

## Criteria for full Prescribed Minimum Benefit cover

There are three criteria for full cover:

### 1. Your condition must be on the PMB lists

### 2. You must use Formularies and the treatment provided for in the Basket of Care

There are limits and conditions to cover. You must use medication from our medicine list to avoid any out of pocket expenses.

### 3. You must use our Designated Service Providers for full cover

A Designated Service Provider is a Healthcare Professional we have a payment agreement with. You may use a non-Designated Service Provider, but this may mean you have to pay part of the claim yourself.

If you are in hospital, we fund claims if you obtained the necessary pre-authorisation.

## Is my condition covered?

**A life-threatening emergency medical condition** is the sudden and unexpected start of a health condition that needs immediate treatment or an operation. If the treatment is not available, the emergency could result in weakened bodily functions, serious and lasting damage to organs, limbs or other body parts, or even death. In an emergency, it is not always possible to know if the medical condition is life-threatening. Bankmed may request that the diagnosis be confirmed with supporting evidence within a reasonable period of time.

A Healthcare Professional must diagnose you with a condition on **the list of 270 PMB diagnoses**. For us to cover you, your Healthcare Professional must use the correct ICD 10 code for the condition.

We cover **chronic conditions** through our Chronic Illness Benefit. If you are diagnosed with a chronic PMB condition, you have to register before you have access to its cover. If you don't register, we will cover your treatment from your day-to-day benefits.

The **Chronic Disease List (CDL)** specifies medicine and treatment for the 25 chronic conditions that are covered in this section of the PMBs:

- Addison's disease
- Asthma
- Bipolar mood disorder
- Bronchiectasis
- Cardiac failure
- Cardiomyopathy
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Chronic renal disease
- Coronary artery disease
- Crohn's disease
- Diabetes insipidus
- Diabetes mellitus types 1 & 2
- Dysrhythmias

- Epilepsy
- Glaucoma
- Haemophilia
- Hyperlipidaemia
- Hypertension
- Hypothyroidism
- Multiple sclerosis
- Parkinson's disease
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Schizophrenia
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Ulcerative colitis

For more info on PMBs, visit [www.medicalschemes.com](http://www.medicalschemes.com) and click on Prescribed Minimum Benefits under Quick Links.

## How Bankmed pays for Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs)?

We pay for the cost of the diagnosis, treatment and care of PMBs in South Africa. We pay for PMBs in full from your Insured Benefit if you follow the three criteria for full cover. We always pay for emergency medical treatment, even if you use a non-Network Provider.

If it is not a medical emergency, a Network Provider is available and you use a non-Network Provider, we cover the diagnosis, treatment and care of PMBs at the Scheme Rate.

At Bankmed, these PMBs are subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols and registering for Managed Care Programmes. This means you **must apply for these benefits** or we pay for treatment from your day-to-day benefits.



Visit [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za) and select **Network Providers** to find a DSP near you.

**Kindly note:**

- Claims for services that would have qualified as PMBs in South Africa but are obtained outside the borders of South Africa, are treated as ordinary claims and payment depends on your Plan's benefits
- Pre-authorisation, medicine lists (formularies) and Scheme protocols apply for PMB cover
- We only pay diagnosis costs as a PMB if the diagnostic investigation confirms a PMB diagnosis
- When this schedule sets out insured limits, we pay relevant claims (including PMBs) up to the limit. When you reach the limit, we only fund PMBs if they meet the criteria for PMB cover
- Even if we usually fund a benefit as 'no benefit' in this schedule, we still pay for PMBs as long as members meet the criteria for PMB cover

**What if I cannot use a Network Provider?**

In a medical emergency, you may go straight to the nearest hospital. Otherwise, you should find a Healthcare Professional in our Network or find out if your Healthcare Professional is in our Network before you visit them.

There are two other situations in which you may be forced to (involuntarily) use the services of a non-network Healthcare Professional. For us to pay as a PMB, you must first get pre-authorisation so we can confirm if an exception applies to you:

- The service is not available from a Network Provider or cannot be provided without reasonable delay and/or
- You need immediate medical or surgical treatment for a PMB condition and the circumstances or location reasonably prevent you from using a Network Provider, or no Network Provider is within reasonable proximity to your home or work address

## SAVE YOUR MEDICINE BENEFITS AND MAKE YOUR RAND GO FURTHER

### What we do to help you save costs

As chronic and acute medication can be very expensive, it is important to ensure that your benefits are used wisely. We have a few tips to help you save your benefits.

### What is chronic medication?

Chronic medication refers to medication you have to use on a continuous basis over an extended period of time to control life-threatening conditions, such as high blood pressure or asthma. This differs from acute medication, which is medication prescribed to treat a single incidence of an illness, such as colds and flu.

### What is generic medication?

Generic medication is merely a 'copy' of the original brand-name medication. They are chemically identical to their brand-name equivalents in dosage, strength, quality, performance characteristics and intended use.

The only differences are that generics may look different and are more cost-effective than branded medication. Remember that generics are not equally priced. Some generics are more cost-effective than others. Ask your pharmacist or Healthcare Professional for the more cost-effective generic when claiming, to avoid any out of pocket expenses.

### Tips for extending your benefits

When applications for chronic medication are reviewed, Bankmed may recommend substitution of the prescribed medication with a cost-effective generic alternative to ensure you have the best cover. In this case, it is important to note that no changes to your medication will be implemented if your Healthcare Professional has not agreed to a generic substitution.

For members on the Basic Plan, generic medication is subject to a prescribed formulary. Please check with your Healthcare Professional that it is on the formulary.



# DEDUCTIBLES THAT APPLY WHEN YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL OR A DAY CLINIC

A deductible is an upfront payment that you need to make if you are admitted to a hospital or day clinic for certain procedures. This section of the Benefit and Contribution Schedule sets out the detail in respect of deductibles that may be applicable to you.

A beneficiary will be responsible for a deductible in respect of the hospital account for certain hospital events, unless the admission is related to a Prescribed Minimum Benefit diagnosis typically as a result of an emergency. The deductible will apply regardless of whether the procedure attracting the deductible is the primary reason for the admission or not. There are other instances where the deductible does not apply and we have set this out later in this section. Except where provided for in the Prescribed Minimum Benefits, a Deductible will apply under the following circumstances:

## 1. DEDUCTIBLE APPLICABLE TO USE OF A NON-DSP FACILITY

A deductible will apply to all beneficiaries on the Core Saver Plan when the beneficiary chooses to utilise a Non-DSP facility (both hospital and day clinics). The deductible applies upfront and will need to be settled at the facility prior to admission.

### Applicable to Core Saver Plan

Member to fund the specified deductible upfront upon admission:

#### **PMB admission: involuntary use of non-DSP**

No deductible

#### **PMB admission: voluntary use of non-DSP (deductible applies to all admissions)**

Day clinic: R240 per admission

Hospital: R600 per admission

#### **Non-PMB admission**

Day clinic: R240 per admission

Hospital: R600 per admission

## 2. DEDUCTIBLE APPLICABLE TO A SPECIFIC LIST OF TREATMENT/PROCEDURES CARRIED OUT IN A DAY SURGERY NETWORK

### Applicable to Basic Plan in so far as PMB admissions are concerned.

The following conditions/procedures will NOT attract a deductible at a Day Surgery Network (list of conditions/procedures applies to DSP only):

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| 1. Adenoidectomy          | 12. Myringotomy with intubation (grommets) |
| 2. Arthrocentesis         | 13. Nasal cautery                          |
| 3. Cataract Surgery       | 14. Nasal plugging for nose bleeds         |
| 4. Cautery of vulva warts | 15. Proctoscopy                            |
| 5. Circumcision           | 16. Prostate biopsy                        |
| 6. Colonoscopy            | 17. Removal of pins and plates             |
| 7. Cystourethroscopy      | 18. Sigmoidoscopy                          |
| 8. Diagnostic D and C     | 19. Tonsillectomy                          |
| 9. Gastroscopy            | 20. Treatment of Bartholins cyst/gland     |
| 10. Hysteroscopy          | 21. Vasectomy                              |
| 11. Myringotomy           | 22. Vulva/cone biopsy                      |

If the member chooses to have the abovementioned procedures/treatments performed in a non-network Day Surgery facility or in a hospital, the member will be liable for a R1 575 deductible per admission.

### Other hospitals (non-DSPS)

If the member has the listed procedure/treatment performed in a hospital or non-DSP day surgery facility, the deductible applies as follows:

<b>PMB admission: involuntary use of a non-DSP:</b>	No deductible
<b>PMB admission: voluntary use of non-DSP:</b>	R 1 575 deductible per admission
<b>Non-PMB admission:</b>	R 1 575 deductible per admission

Deductible payable on admission.

### 3. DEDUCTIBLE APPLICABLE TO A SPECIFIC LIST OF TREATMENT/PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN HOSPITAL NETWORK DSPS

A deductible will apply to all beneficiaries on the Core Saver Plan when the beneficiary obtains treatment for the specified treatment/procedures set out below. The deductible applies when the beneficiary is admitted to hospital or a day clinic that falls within the list of DSP/network providers. The deductible applies upfront and will need to be settled at the facility prior to admission.

The following conditions/procedures will always attract a deductible at a hospital/day clinic (list of conditions/procedures applies to DSP only):

1. Oesophagoscopy
2. Simple abdominal hernia repair

#### Applicable to Core Saver Plan Hospital Network DSPs

Member to fund the specified deductible upfront upon admission:

Day clinic:	R240 per admission
Hospital:	R600 per admission

### 4. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DEDUCTIBLES

Deductibles are payable in respect of all hospital admissions except under the following circumstances:

- a. Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions where admission to a non-DSP is on an involuntary basis. In the case of other PMB conditions, where a non-DSP has been used on a voluntary basis, the deductible will be applied.
- b. Confinements are excluded from deductibles.
- c. Re-admissions to hospital within 6 weeks of discharge following complications directly related to a prior admission in respect of which a deductible was levied.
- d. Admissions to a State Hospital.
- e. Authorised day clinic admissions for specified procedures, as communicated to members from time to time.

If you have an upfront payment, you will only have to pay one deductible for each admission. However, we calculate the upfront payment according to the highest deductible for the admission.

## PART D – CLAIMING PROCESSES AND FINDING A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

### CLAIMS PROCESS

#### Details when submitting your claims

- You must submit your claim within four months from the date of service. We consider claims older than this stale and as a result the claim will not be settled
- Make sure your membership number and the Healthcare Professional's details, including their practice number, are clear on the claim
- Submit a detailed claim and not just a receipt. We need the details of the treatment or medication for which you are claiming, to process your claim quickly and accurately

#### How to claim

##### Using the Bankmed App

Download the Bankmed App and:

- Use the camera on your smartphone to take a photo of the claim and submit it via the App or
- Use your smartphone to scan the QR code on the claim provided by your Healthcare Professional (for those claims that contain QR codes)



##### Visiting the Bankmed website

-  Log on to [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za)
-  Go to **Claims** and click on **Submit a claim**
-  Once there, go to **UPLOAD** and click on **Upload now**
-  Select the file you want to upload and then click on **Send claim**

Once the claim has been successfully uploaded, you should receive a reference number

##### By sending us an email

-  your scanned claims to [claims@bankmed.co.za](mailto:claims@bankmed.co.za)

### DIGITAL TOOLS

#### When you're at the Healthcare Professional – Electronic Health Record (EHR)

Bankmed's Electronic Health Record (EHR) allows your Healthcare Professional to access your health records. This gives your Healthcare Professional your medical information at their fingertips so they have all the information to make better decisions about your healthcare. Once you give consent, your Healthcare Professional can use the Electronic Health Record to access your medical history, gain insight into the benefits of your Plan, refer you to other Healthcare Professionals, study your blood test results and write electronic prescriptions and referrals.

#### Consent

You must give consent to Healthcare Professionals to view your confidential medical information. Your personal information is protected and will only be viewed by Healthcare Professionals who have been given consent by you.

When you give consent, you agree that you understand the Electronic Health Record contains details about any chronic conditions you may have, as well as pathology results. Your consent also confirms that you understand how we protect your confidential information and how we comply with laws governing confidential information.

For Bankmed to have the correct information to cover treatment for your condition, your Healthcare Professional may have to share information about your treatment with Discovery Health, our administrator. Therefore, your consent confirms you agree to this exchange of information and you understand the terms and conditions.

#### How to give consent

##### Bankmed App

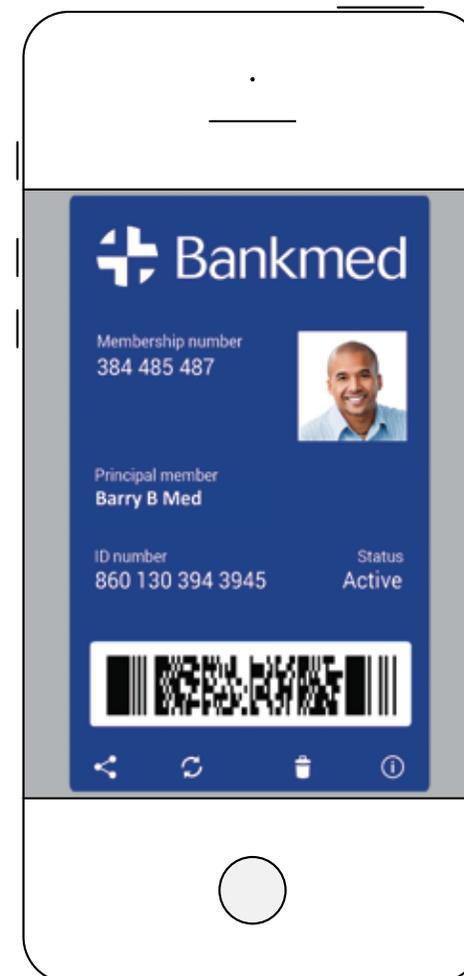
-  On the **Health** tab in the Bankmed App, select **Doctor(s) Consent** to provide consent.

##### Bankmed website

-  Log in to [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za) / **YOUR DETAILS / manage consent**

#### Bankmed App and your digital card

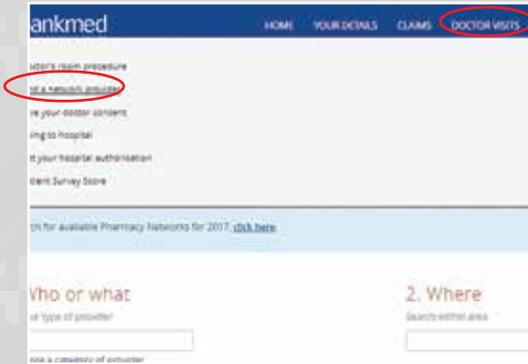
The Bankmed App gives you access to all your medical scheme information and your digital membership card. You can use your digital membership card as proof of membership for service providers.



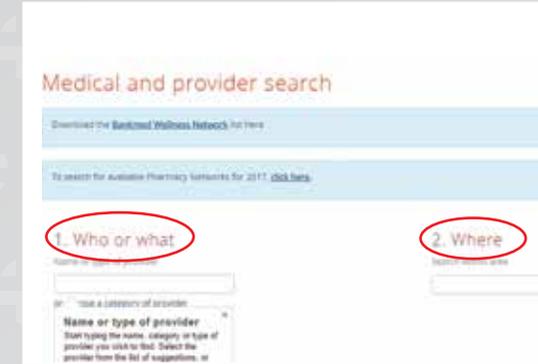
# FIND A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL

To find a Healthcare Professional we have a 'Maps advisor tool' available to help you locate a Healthcare Professional or hospital closest to you and the area you prefer. It also gives you the option to select a specific treating Healthcare Professional e.g. Orthodontist.

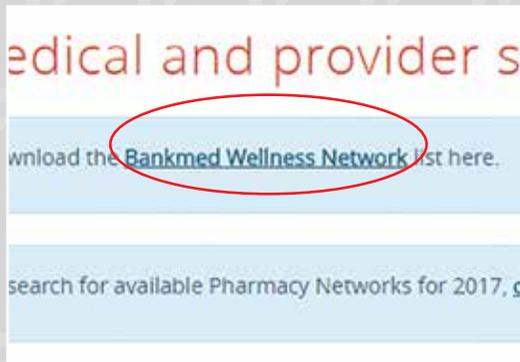
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- STEP 2:** You will need to add information on **Who/What** and **Where** you would like to be treated
- STEP 3:** Once you have selected your provider, you will have to indicate whether your consultation will be out-of-hospital or in-hospital and whether you would prefer to generate providers with maximum/full cover
- STEP 4:** A list of providers will appear on your screen and you will be able to see how you are covered for each provider
- STEP 5:** Select your preferred Network Provider



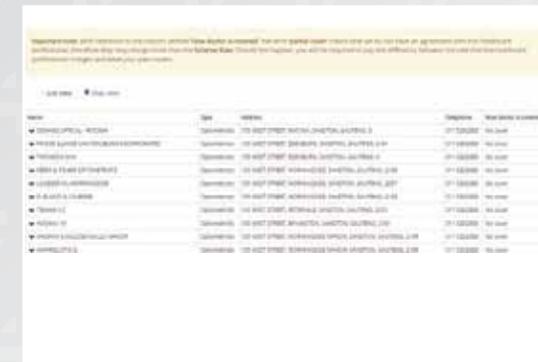
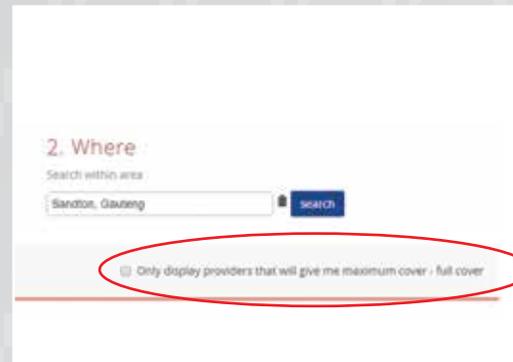
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## PART E - MANAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### CONTACT US

 <p>For emergency ambulance services, contact Bankmed Emergency Services</p>	 <p>To obtain pre-authorisation for a hospital admission, MRI, CT scan or radionuclide scan</p>	 <p>To obtain authorisation for chronic medication</p>	
<p><b>Telephone:</b> 0860 999 911</p>	<p><b>Telephone:</b> (toll-free from a Telkom landline) 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)</p> <p><b>Fax:</b> 021 527 1928</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> treatment@bankmed.co.za</p>	<p><b>E-mail:</b> chronicbasicessential@bankmed.co.za</p> <p><b>Fax:</b> 011 539 7000</p> <p>Your pharmacist may contact our Call Centre 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)</p>	
 <p>To submit a claim (remember to include your membership number and to ensure that all claims are legible)</p>	 <p>To find information on our Designated Service Providers (DSPs)</p>	 <p>For customer service enquiries, requests or complaints</p>	 <p>For self-help enquiries</p>
<p><b>E-mail:</b> claims@bankmed.co.za</p> <p><b>Fax:</b> 021 527 1940</p> <p><b>Post:</b> Bankmed Claims, Private Bag X2, Rivonia, 2128</p>	<p><b>Website:</b> www.bankmed.co.za (Select 'Network Providers')</p> <p><b>Bankmed App:</b> (Select 'Find a Healthcare Provider')</p>	<p><b>Telephone:</b> (toll-free from a Telkom landline) 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)</p> <p><b>E-mail active employees:</b> enquiries@bankmed.co.za</p> <p><b>Pensioners:</b> pensioners@bankmed.co.za</p> <p><b>Fax:</b> 021 527 1926</p> <p><b>Post:</b> Bankmed Customer Services, Private Bag X2, Rivonia, 2128</p>	<p>Try our easy-to-use App, telephonic or web-based facilities to obtain or request information and to update personal details without having to speak to an agent.</p> <p><b>Telephone self-help facility 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633)</b> - log in with your membership number and ID number.</p> <p><b>Web based self-help facility</b> www.bankmed.co.za - sign in with your username and password; if you haven't registered before you will be prompted to register the first time you sign in.</p> <p><b>Bankmed mobi site</b> m.bankmed.co.za</p> <p><b>Bankmed Mobile App</b> Download the Bankmed Mobile App to your Smartphone and follow the prompts. You may download the App from the different App stores, or visit the Bankmed website www.bankmed.co.za for instructions.</p> <p><b>NB:</b> If you have registered via the website you will need to use the same log in details for the Bankmed App</p>
 <p>To register on our HIV/AIDS Programme (confidentiality guaranteed)</p>	 <p>To register on the Oncology Treatment Programme</p>		 <p>To report fraud</p>
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## REPORTING FRAUD

### Reporting fraud or malpractice

Be part of the solution. Take an active role in combating crime by reporting any fraudulent or unethical practice.

If you suspect any fraudulent behaviour relating to your healthcare cover, you may anonymously report this by using the following details:

 0800 004 500

 sms 43477

 0800 007 788

 [bankmed@tip-offs.com](mailto:bankmed@tip-offs.com)

 Freepost DN298, Umhlanga Rocks 4320

## GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

### What does Bankmed not cover (Scheme exclusions)?

The following are some examples of items typically not covered by Bankmed:

- Operations, treatment and procedures for cosmetic purposes
- Sunscreens and tanning agents
- Travel expenses
- Accommodation in assisted living homes or similar institutions
- Sunglasses
- Accommodation and/or treatment in headache and stress-relief clinics
- The cost of holidays for recuperative purposes (for example spas and health resorts)
- Telephone consultations with medical practitioners
- Costs associated with vocational guidance, child guidance, marriage guidance or counselling, sex therapy, school readiness, school therapy or attendance at remedial education schools or clinics.

**For a complete set of Scheme exclusions, please log into [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za) and select ABOUT US, Registered Rules and Exclusions (Annexure C).**

## COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

Although legislation provides that all complaints submitted in writing must be responded to within 30 days, we always try to respond much sooner.

If you have given us a reasonable chance to address any concerns raised and feel that you have been treated unfairly by us in any way, you may lodge a formal complaint with the Council for Medical Schemes, as follows:

 0861 123 267 (sharecall from a Telkom landline)

 012 431 0500

 012 430 7644

 [complaints@medicalschemes.com](mailto:complaints@medicalschemes.com)

Council for Medical Schemes  
Block A  
Eco Glades 2 Office Park  
420 Witch-Hazel Avenue  
Eco Park, Centurion  
0157

Council for Medical Schemes  
Private Bag X34  
Hatfield  
0028

### Complaints can be submitted in writing to:

Complaints  
Bankmed  
Private Bag X2  
Rivonia  
2128

# BANKMED PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Privacy Statement (PS) explains how Bankmed and its administrator and Managed Care service provider (Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd) obtain, use, disclose and otherwise process personal information, which may include health and financial information (personal information), as required by the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA).

## Application of requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act ('POPI')

1.1 This Privacy Statement explains how Bankmed and its administrator and managed care service provider (currently Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd) (we/us) obtain, use, disclose and otherwise process personal information, which may include health and financial information ('Personal Information'), as required by the Protection of Personal Information Act ('POPIA'). Any other party, including the administrator and managed care service provider, that may have access to your Personal Information via Bankmed, is prohibited from using such information for any other purpose not approved by Bankmed. The administrator and managed care service provider, in particular, can only use the information strictly in compliance with the agreement between Bankmed and the administrator and managed care service provider.

1.2 Please note:

- We may amend this Notice from time to time. Please check our website periodically to remain informed of any changes;
- You have the right to object to the processing of your Personal Information;
- Should you believe that we have utilised your Personal Information contrary to applicable law, you shall first resolve any concerns with us. Should you not be satisfied with the process, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator, under POPIA.

1.3 Any information, including Personal Information relating to yourself and your dependents and/or beneficiaries, supplied to us or collected from other sources ('Your Personal Information') will be kept confidential.

- You confirm that when you provide us with your Personal Information, your dependant/s and/or beneficiaries have provided you with the appropriate permission to disclose their Personal Information to us for the purposes set out below and any other related purposes. In the event that you are providing information and signing consent on behalf of a minor (person younger than 18 years old) you confirm that you are a competent person and authorised do so on their behalf.
- You understand that when you include your spouse and/or dependents on your application, we will process their personal information for the activation of the policy/benefit and to pursue their legitimate interest. We will furthermore process their information for the purposes set out in this Privacy Statement.

1.4 You agree to our processing and disclosing Your Personal Information in the following manner:

We may collect, collate, process, store and disclose your Personal Information:

- For the administration of your health plan;
- For the provision of managed care services to you or any dependant/s on your health plan;
- For the provision of relevant information to a contracted third party who requires this information to provide a healthcare service to you or any dependant/s on your health plan;
- In the event of any member ceasing to be a member, any amount still owing by such member in respect of himself or his dependants shall be a debt due to the Scheme and recoverable by it. Therefore, for the provision of information to a contracted third

party who performs a debt collection service to the Scheme, where you owe the Scheme an outstanding debt;

- To profile and analyse risk;
- For academic research only where this is specifically approved by Bankmed.

Examples of how this will happen includes:

- a) Obtaining Your Personal Information from other relevant sources, including any entity that is related to the administrator, medical practitioners, contracted service providers, employers, credit bureaus or industry regulatory bodies ('Sources'), and further processing of such Information to consider your membership application, to conduct underwriting or risk assessments, or to consider a claim for medical expenses. We may (at any time and on an ongoing basis) verify with the Sources that your Personal information is true, correct and complete. This, amongst other things, will allow the Scheme and the administrator (although to a limited extent) to ensure that a member is not a member of more than one medical scheme as this is prohibited by the Medical Schemes Act;
- b) Communicating with you regarding any changes in your health plan, including your contributions or changes and enhancements to the benefits you are entitled to on the health plan you have selected;
- c) Transferring your Personal Information outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa where appropriate, if you provide an email address which is hosted outside the borders of South Africa, or for processing, storage or academic research (where such research is specifically approved by Bankmed). We will ensure that anyone to whom we pass your Personal Information agrees to treat your information with the same level of protection as we are obliged to;

- d) Utilising external health specialists to assess or evaluate certain clinical information. Your Personal Information will be shared with such specialist/s in the event that you or your dependant/s are subject to such a clinical assessment.
- 1.5 We may process your information using automated means (without human intervention in the decision making process) to make a decision about you or your application for any product or service. You may query the decision made about you.
- 1.6 If asked to do so, we will share your Personal Information with a third party if you have already given your consent for the disclosure of this information to such third party or if a contractual relationship exists in terms of which we are obliged to provide the information to such third party.
- 1.7 Should you wish to share your information for any other reason, we will do so only with your permission.
- 1.8 You have the right to request a copy of the Personal Information we hold about you. To do this, simply complete the 'Access Request Form' on [www.bankmed.co.za/legal](http://www.bankmed.co.za/legal) and specify what information you would like. We will take all reasonable steps to confirm your identity before providing details of your Personal Information. Please note that any such Data Subject Request may be subject to a payment of a legally allowable fee.
- 1.9 You have the right to contact and ask us to update, correct or delete your Personal Information. Bankmed and its administrator have the right to communicate with you electronically about any changes on your health plan, including your contributions or changes to the benefits you are entitled to on the health plan you have chosen.
- 1.10 You agree that we may retain your Personal Information until such time as you request us to destroy it (unless we are obliged by law to retain it, regardless of such request). Where we cannot delete your personal information, we will take all practical steps to depersonalise it.

- 1.11 Bankmed and its administrator and managed care service provider are required to collect and retain information in terms of the following legislation (amongst others):
- The Medical Schemes Act, 1998
  - The Consumer Protection Act, 2008
  - The Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013
  - Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002
  - Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000
  - Legislation specific to the administrator and managed care service provider only:
    - Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002
    - Companies Act, 2008
- 1.12 You agree that Bankmed and its administrator may transfer your personal information outside South Africa:
- If you give us an email address that is hosted outside South Africa; or
  - For processing, storage or academic research, only where this is specifically approved by Bankmed; or
  - To administer certain services, for example, cloud services.
- When we share your information to administer certain services, we will ensure that any country, company or person that we pass your personal information to agrees to treat your information with the same level of protection as we are obliged to do in South Africa. Unless you specifically give us consent to share your personal information with such person (or company).
- 1.13 Bankmed may change this Privacy Statement at any time. The current version is available on the Bankmed website ([www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za)). Scroll to the bottom of the webpage once you have logged in and select the 'Legal' tab. Alternatively, you may click on this link to access the document.

- 1.14. If you believe that Bankmed or its administrator have used your personal information contrary to this Privacy Statement, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Regulatory, under POPIA, but we encourage you to first follow our internal complaints process to resolve the complaint. We explain the complaints and disputes process on the Bankmed website. You may click on this link to access the complaints and escalations process.

If you are not satisfied after this process, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator, under POPIA.

Contact details for the Information Regulator are:

The Information Regulator (South Africa)  
 SALU Building  
 316 Thabo Sehume Street  
 PRETORIA

Ms Mmamoroke Mphelo

Tel: 012 406 4818

Fax: 086 500 3351

[infoereg@justice.gov.za](mailto:infoereg@justice.gov.za)



Although every effort was made to ensure complete accuracy of this Benefit and Contribution Schedule, errors may occur. In the event of a dispute, the registered rules shall apply. You may view the registered rules on [www.bankmed.co.za](http://www.bankmed.co.za)



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