



# Motor vehicle accident

## Who we are

Bankmed (referred to as 'the Scheme'), registration number 1279, is a non-profit organisation, registered with the Council for Medical Schemes. Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd (referred to as 'the administrator') is a separate company and an authorised financial services provider (registration number 1997/013480/07) which takes care of the administration of your membership for the Scheme.

## Claiming for medical expenses after a road accident

### Payment of accident-related medical expenses

If you're involved in a motor vehicle accident, the Scheme will pay for your accident-related healthcare expenses in accordance with the Scheme Rules.

If you lodge a claim with the Road Accident Fund, you must include your Scheme's accident-related medical expenses which will be provided to you or your attorney. If the Road Accident Fund pays for medical expenses which were previously paid by the Scheme, the Scheme must be reimbursed with the amounts paid by the Road Accident Fund.

### Inform Bankmed Medical Scheme about the accident

You must inform the Scheme about the accident as soon as possible. We will refer you to a preferred attorney who will assist you with your claim against the Road Accident Fund. You can make use of your own attorney if you want to.

If you use one of the approved attorneys, they will assess your accident at no cost to you to determine whether you have a valid claim. If you choose to use your own attorney, please ask your attorney to contact us on our group email address, [discovery\\_third\\_party\\_recovery\\_services@discovery.co.za](mailto:discovery_third_party_recovery_services@discovery.co.za) so we can assist them with your accident-related accounts and any fee related queries which they might have.

The following attorneys are our preferred providers:

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	Levin Tatanis Attorney	Tel: 011 886 0915
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	Erasmus De Klerk Inc. Attorneys	Tel: 011 678 1988
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	Pieter Skein Attorneys	Tel: 051 430 0947
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Port Elizabeth, and Eastern Cape	Jaco Hattingh Litigation Attorneys	Tel: 041 364 2624
	Jock Walter Attorneys	Tel: 041 363 5501



### **Additional benefits for claiming from the Road Accident Fund**

You might be able to claim from the Road Accident Fund if you or your family member(s) were in an accident as a driver, passenger, cyclist, or pedestrian.

If your claim against the Road Accident Fund is successful, you might receive payment for past and future loss of earnings, reimbursement for past and future medical expenses paid by yourself, reimbursement for past and future medical expenses paid by the Scheme (to be refunded to the Scheme), loss of support for your dependents and disability payment for injuries that are classified as 'Serious' by the Road Accident Fund in terms of the Road Accident Fund Act.

Once we receive the refund for medical expenses paid by the Scheme, the payment will be allocated to your appropriate benefits.

### **Contact us**

If you need any additional information or if you would like to inform us of a road accident, please send an email to [discovery\\_third\\_party\\_recovery\\_services@discovery.co.za](mailto:discovery_third_party_recovery_services@discovery.co.za). You can also contact the claims manager, Charmain le Grange by e-mailing [CharmainL@discovery.co.za](mailto:CharmainL@discovery.co.za) or calling on 011 529 5097.

### **Complaints process**

You may lodge a complaint or query with Bankmed Medical Scheme directly on 0800 BANKMED (0800 226 5633) or address a complaint in writing directly to the Principal Officer. Should your complaint remain unresolved, you may lodge a formal dispute by following Bankmed Medical Scheme's internal disputes process.

Members, who wish to approach the Council for Medical Schemes for assistance, may do so in writing to: Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157 or via e-mail at [complaints@medicalschemes.co.za](mailto:complaints@medicalschemes.co.za). Customer Care Centre: 0861 123267/ website [www.medicalschemes.co.za](http://www.medicalschemes.co.za)

