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Dear Doctor

Discovery PrimaryCare GP Network changes for 2018

Thank you for taking part in the Discovery Primary Care GP Network. PrimaryCare now offers the following enhancements:

- Clients can now add dependants on their policy
- Clients can extend cover through the Trauma Benefit, to provide access to emergency private healthcare services for a broad range of trauma events.

Increased PrimaryCare GP rates for 2018:

The 2018 consultation fees are:

Code	Description	Fee-for-service		Capitation	
		Dispensing	Non-dispensing	Dispensing	Non-dispensing
0190 – 0192	Consultation	R358.90	R273.00	R179.50	R136.50

In addition to these consultation fees above, a weighted average increase of 6% was applied to the capitation mode. Doctors on the capitation arrangement will receive payment according to the following demographic tables, taking into account differences in underlying practice demographics.

Age band	Dispensing		Non-dispensing	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
0	R 63.29	R 68.76	R 56.29	R 60.94
1 – 4	R 58.20	R 61.05	R 48.85	R 52.17
5 – 9	R 38.50	R 38.74	R 31.88	R 32.07
10- 19	R 34.52	R 28.05	R 27.94	R 22.65
20–24	R 62.36	R 40.73	R 46.38	R 29.85
25 –29	R 69.79	R 50.50	R 50.24	R 34.39
30 – 34	R 73.57	R 55.27	R 52.58	R 37.54
35–54	R 73.57	R 60.03	R 52.00	R 40.51
55–64	R 78.89	R 69.90	R 54.02	R 45.88
65 – 74	R 80.79	R 80.05	R 56.51	R 52.51
75+	R 77.50	R 67.89	R 55.38	R 60.32

Procedures commonly performed in the rooms will have an increase of 5%. Doctors will be reimbursed regardless of which network they are on, for the following procedures:

Code	Description	Reimbursement
0255	Drainage of abscess	R 358.10
0259	Removal of foreign body	R 393.20
0300	Stitching of wound	R 382.70
0301	Stitching of additional wound	R 88.40
0307	Excision and repair	R 445.00
0308	Each additional small procedure done at the same time	R 179.20
0887	POP	R 362.80
2133	Circumcision: Clamp procedure	R 666.40
2137	Circumcision: Surgical excision other than by clamp or dorsal slit, any age	R 1,058.50
2139	Circumcision: Dorsal slit of prepuce (independent procedure)	R 648.20
0316	Fine needle aspiration for soft tissue (all areas)	R 277.40
0317	Aspiration of cyst or tumour	R 200.70
0321	Biopsy or excision of cyst, benign tumour. Aberrant breast tissue, duct papilloma	R 1,314.40
0206	Intravenous treatment: Intravenous infusions: Insertion of cannula - chargeable once per 24 hours	R 282.90
0244	Repair of nail bed	R 618.30
0922	Removal of foreign bodies requiring incision	R 521.00
1136	Nebulisation (in rooms)	R 261.00
1192	Peak expiratory flow only	R 115.30
1996	Bladder catheterisation: Male (not at operation)	R 204.80
1997	Bladder catheterisation: Female (not at operation)	R 166.40
1228	General practitioner's fee for taking of an ECG only: Without effort: ½ (item 1232)	R 107.30
1229	General practitioner's fee for taking of an ECG only: Without and with effort: ½ (item 1233)	R 132.90
1232	Electrocardiogram: Without effort	R 165.00
1233	Electrocardiogram: With and without effort	R 216.20
1234	Effort electrocardiogram with the aid of a special bicycle ergometer, monitoring apparatus and availability of associated apparatus	R 562.10
1235	Multi-stage treadmill test	R 818.30
1236	Electrocardiogram without effort: under 4 years old	R 280.20

Health Professional Zone on Discovery's website



The Health Professional Zone provides your practice with a user-friendly, real-time desktop application, which lets you to:

- Reduce costs and administration required to manage your patients
- Easily access information about your patients benefits, chosen GP and formularies.

You will be able to access all the PrimaryCare GP rates and the GP pack on the Health Professional Zone at www.discovery.co.za

How to contact us

If you have any questions or need any further information, please visit www.discovery.co.za or email us at healthpartners@discovery.co.za

Thank you for engaging positively with us. We look forward to working with you in 2018.

Regards

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