MEDICAL AID SOCIETY

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Dear Family Practitioner

AECI Medical Aid Society Family Practitioner Network Scheme rates for 2026

We extend our sincere appreciation for the professional care you have provided to our members throughout 2025. As a valued participant of the AECI Medical Aid Society Family Practitioner (FP) Network, we are pleased to inform you of a **4.6%** increase in the FP tariff applicable to the **AECI Comprehensive, Comprehensive Select and Value Options** effective 1 January 2026.

As a contracted FP of the AECI Medical Aid Society FP Network, you serve as a Designated Service Provider (DSP) for all AECI Medical Aid Society options. Kindly refer to the updated rates below to ensure accurate claims processing.

Reimbursement Model - Comprehensive and Comprehensive Select Options
The 2026 reimbursement model continues to include an **enhanced consultation fee** based on your REPI^2 category score, as outlined below:

FP consultation rates (0190 - 0192)	
AECI Medical Aid Society FP Network consultation fee	**R529.50**
Enhanced consultation fee for REPI^2 category 1 FP Network practices	**R112.50**
Enhanced consultation fee for REPI^2 category 2 FP Network practices	**R50.70**

Important Billing Note:
Please do not manually add the enhanced consultation fee to your AECI Medical Aid Society FP Network consultation fee **(R529.50)**. This enhanced fee will be automatically allocated to qualifying practices upon payment of consultations. Your remittance advice will reflect a **code 247** comment for each consultation that qualifies for an enhanced fee. Please note that the enhanced fee amount will not appear on individual claim lines. Instead, the total value of all enhanced fees will be consolidated and displayed as a single amount, marked with code 247 and the description "**Enhanced Fees**", at the beginning of the claim summary.

Example:
50 (consultations) X R112.50 (enhanced fee) = R5 625.00

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Reimbursement Model - Value Option
Practitioners are reimbursed based on their dispensing status. Those with a dispensing license receive a higher consultation fee, which includes the cost of any medication provided during the visit. As such, dispensing practitioners should not issue prescriptions for members to collect medication from a pharmacy, as these claims will be declined.

Tariff code	Tariff code description	FP tariff
0190 – 0192	Dispensing doctors: Consultation fee, including acute medication	**R543.30**
0190 – 0192	Non-dispensing doctors: Consultation fee excluding acute medication (consultations only)	**R492.90**
0130	Telephone consultation (all hours), including writing of scripts	**R354.90**
0132	Consultation services, e.g. writing of scripts (only to be billed in the absence of any consultation tariff, e.g. 0190, 0191 and 0192)	**R160.50**

Additional Tariff Codes - All Options
We will reimburse you for performing certain procedures in your rooms instead of referring patients to a hospital for these interventions. The following procedures may be billed **in addition to consultation codes**, with material costs included:

Tariff code	Tariff code description (including cost of materials)	2026 Global fee
0255	Drainage of subcutaneous abscess onychia, paronychia, pulp space or avulsion of nail	**R438.80**
0259	Removal of foreign body superficial to deep fascia (except hands)	**R463.80**
0300	Stitching of soft-tissue injuries: Stitching of wound (with or without local anaesthesia): Including normal aftercare	**R599.30**
0301	Stitching of soft-tissue injuries: Additional wounds stitched at the same session (each)	**R125.20**
0307	Excision and repair by direct suture; excision of nail fold or other minor procedures of similar magnitude	**R751.10**
0887	Limb cast (excluding aftercare) (modifier 0005 not applicable)	**R661.30**
3615	Routine obstetric ultrasound at 10 to 20 weeks gestational age, preferable at 10 to 14 weeks gestational age to include nuchal translucency assessment	**R934.70**
3617	Routine obstetric ultrasound at 20 to 24 weeks to include detailed anatomical assessment	**R934.70**

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0206	Intravenous rehydration therapy with or without administration of intravenous antibiotics	**R121.50**
0241	Cauterisation of warts/chemo cryotherapy of lesions	**R163.00**
1232	Resting ECG (including electrodes)	**R163.00**
2137	Circumcision in rooms	**R1 236.40**
4614	HIV rapid test	**R175.70**
0310	Radical excision of the nail bed in rooms	**R783.00**

Network Compliance
To protect members from out-of-pocket expenses, please ensure that the **network rates are correctly loaded** onto your Practice Management Software (PMS).

Specialist Referral Process - Comprehensive Select and Value Options
FPs may obtain specialist referrals through the Healthcare Professional (HCP) Portal on the Medscheme website by following these steps:

- Visit www.medscheme.com
- Navigate to the **HCPs** tab at the top of the home page and log in using your provider credentials.
- Navigate to **Main Menu > My Patients > Specialist Referral**.
- Enter the membership number and select the appropriate **Beneficiary**.
- If the specialist's practice number is known, enter it and select the preferred specialist from the map.
- If the specialist practice number is unknown, select the relevant discipline, define the preferred search radius, click **Search** and choose the preferred specialist from the map.

Alternatively, referrals can be facilitated by contacting the **Healthcare Provider Contact Centre** on **0861 112 666.**

Continuation of Agreement
You are **not required** to sign or return the 2026 AECI Medical Aid Society Family Practitioner Network Agreement. Your continued participation in the network is appreciated and remains in effect.

Thank you for your continued commitment to delivering high-quality care. We look forward to working together to shape the future of healthcare in 2026.

Kind regards

AECI Medical Aid Society FP Network Management