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Dear General Practitioner,

Medshield Medical Scheme extends its sincere appreciation for your ongoing partnership and commitment to providing high-quality healthcare to our members. Your role as a trusted primary care provider is central to improving population health and ensuring our members receive timely, effective, and patient-centred care.

We are pleased to inform you that the Scheme has finalised the **2026 tariff rate for General Practitioners** as indicated below. These revised rates support the continued delivery of quality primary healthcare services to our members.

Your commitment to collaboration and clinical excellence continues to play a vital role in strengthening our healthcare ecosystem and enhancing member outcomes.

In addition, we are excited to share that the Scheme is currently **establishing a Specialist Network across all major clinical disciplines**. This initiative aims to elevate care coordination, enhance accessibility, and improve affordability for our members, while supporting integrated clinical pathways between general practitioners and specialists.

2026 Medshield Consultation Rates and Enhanced Fees

Medshield REPI² Tiered Tariff Structure for Medshield General Practitioner Network (Premium Plus, MediBonus, MediSaver, MediPlus, MediCore, MediValue, MediPhila)

Category	Non-Network Rate	REPI² Category 3	REPI² Category 2		REPI² Category 1	
		Network Rate	Enhanced fee	TOTAL	Enhanced fee	TOTAL
2025 Medshield Consultation Rate	R444.60	R472.95	R94.59	R567.54	R152.40	R625.35
2026 Medshield Consultation Rate	R464.60	R494.50	R99.00	R593.50	R160.00	R654.50

Medshield REPI² Tiered Tariff Structure for MediCurve General Practitioner Network

Category	Non-Network Rate	REPI² Category 3	REPI² Category 2		REPI² Category 1	
		Network Rate	Enhanced fee	TOTAL	Enhanced fee	TOTAL
2025 Medshield Consultation Rate	R381.51	R389.67	R33.88	R423.55	R67.77	R457.44
2026 Medshield Consultation Rate	R399.00	R407.20	R35.40	R442.60	R71.00	R478.20

Important Billing Guidelines

- Please continue submitting all related consultation claims at the Scheme rate (marked in red). As the administrator, Medscheme will add the additional enhanced fee, where applicable, based on your REPI² Category classification. Please also note that practices classified as Category 3 in the REPI² scoring model do not receive an additional enhancement fee; instead, they only qualify for a network rate.

- Your practice's remittance advice will show a 247-comment code against each consultation qualifying for an enhanced fee. The enhanced fee rand amount will not be reflected on each individual line item. Instead, the sum of your enhanced fees will reflect as a single figure flagged with code 247 and the description "Enhanced fees" at the beginning of each of the Scheme's claim lines.
  For example: 100 (consultations) X R35.50 (enhanced fee) = R3550.00

Non-Consultation Tariff Increase

In addition to the changes in consultation rates, all non-consultation and procedure tariffs will increase by **4.5%** in 2026. This adjustment applies to treatment codes rendered outside consultations, ensuring practitioners are fairly reimbursed for various services provided to Medshield members.

Frequently Asked Questions about Medscheme's Risk Equalised Performance Indicator (REPI²) General Practitioner Practice Outcomes Analysis tool.

1. What is REPI², and how can it be applied to my practice?

REPI² (Risk Equalised Performance Indicator) is a statistical outcomes analysis tool developed by Medscheme. It evaluates the overall care performance on behalf of all General Practitioners. This peer-to-peer comparison tool integrates cost, quality, and clinical outcomes components to offer a holistic assessment.

- REPI² practice data, provided to all Medshield Network General Practitioners through the quarterly REPI² report, serves as a valuable practice information resource. It enables providers to access personalised practice data for self-review - supporting improved clinical decision making and refined operational aspects of the GP practice. The foundation for REPI² provider analytics is developed around a patient attribution model, in which beneficiaries are assigned to a general practitioner practice by based on the total consultations per 12-month period under review.

- Based on the cost and quality components of the practice profile, each GP is assigned a score of 1 (above average), 2 (average) and 3 (below average). The GP's overall REPI² category determines

the enhanced fee awarded per consultation. The REPI² model is run quarterly and uses 12 months of claims data to provide the most accurate presentation.

2. **Why is there a focus on GP quality and cost of care?**

- High-quality primary and preventative care are a critical structural component of any healthcare system. Appropriate and comprehensive disease screening, targeted vaccinations, effective chronic disease management, timely care escalation, and acute care delivery generally fall within the general practitioner's scope.

- Ensuring the high-quality, affordable delivery of primary care is essential for Medshield to improve population health outcomes and reduce reliance on specialist and in-patient levels of care.

3. **Are there programmes in place to assist below-average performing GPs in improving their quality of care and efficiency?**

- Yes, an innovative peer-to-peer mentoring programme was initiated in collaboration with the IPA Foundation to strengthen collaboration and mutual understanding between GPs and Medscheme administered schemes.
- Through comparative analysis, certain outlying REPI² practice data sets are identified. Such practices are subsequently enrolled in our peer mentoring programme, where experienced senior clinicians engage, mentor, and support such practitioners to improve their overall quality and cost of care.
- These discussions are collaborative in nature, aimed at improving patient care. They should not be seen or experienced by outlying providers as a punitive measure.

4. **Where can I find more information on my practice REPI² data?**

- For more information about your practice review and category status, please visit the Medscheme website (www.medscheme.com), log in or register as a Provider and click REPI² to access an online version of your complete REPI² data set.

- If you wish to motivate for an upgrade to your latest category on clinical grounds, please email a detailed motivation to REPIcorrespondence@medscheme.co.za

Further Actions Required:

1. **Update Your Billing System:** Incorporate the new consultation rates and enhanced fees, effective 1 January 2026.
2. **Examine your latest REPI² Practice Outcomes Report**: The report applicable to Quarter 1 of 2026 will be released by the third week of December 2025.
3. **Reach Out for Support:** Contact our Provider Networks team at nc@medshield.co.za for clarification or assistance.

We appreciate your commitment to providing exceptional care and thank you for your continued partnership.

Warm regards,

Medshield Medical Scheme