

Diabetes Care programme

Who we are

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Overview

Diabetes mellitus (diabetes) is a chronic condition which, if left untreated, can result in serious complications like blindness, kidney failure and heart attacks. However, it is generally accepted that good control of diabetes will reduce the occurrence of these complications.

If you are registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit for diabetes, you can join the Diabetes Care Programme. This programme together with your Premier Plus GP, will help you actively manage your diabetes. The programme gives you and your Premier Plus GP access to various tools to monitor and manage your condition and to ensure you get high quality coordinated healthcare and the best outcomes.

This document gives you more information about the Diabetes Care programme.

About some of the terms we use in this document

There may be some terms we refer to in the document that you may not be familiar with. Here are the meanings of these terms.

TERMINOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
Chronic Illness Benefit (CIB)	The Chronic Illness Benefit (CIB) covers you for a defined list of chronic conditions. You need to apply to have your medicine covered for your chronic condition.
Designated service provider (DSP)	A healthcare provider (for example doctor, specialist, pharmacist or hospital) who we have an agreement with to provide treatment or services at a contracted rate.
Emergency medical condition	An emergency medical condition, also referred to as an emergency, is the sudden and, at the time unexpected onset of a health condition that requires immediate medical and surgical treatment, where failure to provide medical or surgical treatment would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part or would place the person's life in serious jeopardy. An emergency does not necessarily require a hospital admission. We may ask you for additional information to confirm the emergency.
HealthID	HealthID is an app that gives your doctor fast, up-to-date access to your health information. Once you have given consent, your doctor can use HealthID to access your medical history, gain insight into the benefits of your health plan, make referrals to other healthcare professionals, study your blood test results, and write electronic prescriptions and referrals. Discovery HealthID is brought to you by Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd; registration number 1997/013480/07, an authorised financial services provider and administrator of medical schemes.
ICD-10 code	A clinical code that describes diseases and signs, symptoms, abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances and external causes of injury or diseases, as classified by the World Health Organisation (WHO).
Premier Plus GP	A Premier Plus GP is a network GP who has contracted with us to provide you with high quality healthcare for your condition.

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Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs)	<p>In terms of the Medical Schemes Act of 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) and its Regulations, all medical schemes have to cover the costs related to the diagnosis, treatment and care of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An emergency medical condition ▪ A defined list of 270 diagnoses ▪ A defined list of 27 chronic conditions. <p>To access Prescribed Minimum Benefits, there are rules that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Your medical condition must qualify for cover and be part of the defined list of Prescribed Minimum Benefit conditions ▪ The treatment needed must match the treatments in the defined benefits ▪ You must use designated service providers (DSPs) in our network. This does not apply in emergencies. However even in these cases, where appropriate and according to the rules of the Scheme, you may be transferred to a hospital or other service providers in our network, once your condition has stabilised. If you do not use a DSP we will pay up to 80% of the Scheme Rate. You will be responsible for the difference between what we pay and the actual cost of your treatment. <p>If your treatment doesn't meet the above criteria, we will pay according to your option benefits.</p>
Scheme Rate	This is a rate set by us. We pay for healthcare services from hospitals, pharmacies, healthcare professionals and other providers of relevant health services at this rate.
The Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology (CDE)	CDE offers a nationwide diabetes disease management programme. A specially trained multidisciplinary team ensures optimum care and essential education services are provided to patients with diabetes.

About joining the Diabetes Care programme

Members on all of our options may join the Diabetes Care Programme.

If you are on a Comprehensive or Core Option, you have the choice to join either the Centre for Diabetes and Endocrinology (CDE) Diabetes Management Programme or the Diabetes Care Programme offered by the Scheme.

Members must be registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit for diabetes and consult with a Premier Plus GP

To have access to the Diabetes Care Programme, you must be over the age of 18 years, consult with a Premier Plus GP and be registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit for type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Your Premier Plus GP can apply for registration on the Chronic Illness Benefit through HealthID if you have given consent.

- Members on Comprehensive, Core, Active and Focus options must use a Premier Plus GP for the management of their diabetes, to avoid a 20% co-payment.
- Members on the KeyPlus option must choose a doctor who is on both the KeyCare and Premier Plus GP networks for the management of their diabetes, to avoid a 20% co-payment.

Visit www.lahealth.co.za to find a doctor on the network.

Your Premier Plus GP will work with you to manage your condition

The Diabetes Care programme is based on clinical and lifestyle guidelines. The programme gives you and your Premier Plus GP access to various tools to monitor and manage your condition and to ensure you have access to high-quality coordinated care.

You and your GP can track progress on a personalised dashboard displaying your unique Diabetes Management Score. This will help to identify the steps you should take to manage your condition and stay healthy over time.

Your Premier Plus GP will ensure you have regular laboratory tests to assess and monitor diabetes control, kidney function, and cholesterol according to international clinical guidelines.

In addition to the standard treatment basket of procedures and consultations available to members registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit with diabetes, members who join the Diabetes Care programme will have the benefit of an additional dietician and one biokineticist consultation per year:

- The biokineticist consult is offered to ensure that you obtain the best advice about exercise, tailored to your needs. To make sure that we fund this from the correct benefit, please ask your biokineticist to claim the code DCARE and include the ICD-10 code on the claim.
- The additional dietician consult is offered to ensure that you obtain the best advice about nutrition. To make sure that we fund this from the correct benefit, please ask your dietician to claim the most appropriate code from the table below and include the ICD-10 code on the claim.

Procedure code	Description and rates
84200	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 1-10min
84201	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 11-20min
84202	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 21-30min
84203	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 31-40min
84204	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 41-50min
84205	Nutritional assessment, counselling and/or treatment. Duration: 51-60min

Contact us

You can call us on **0860 103 933** or visit www.lahealth.co.za for more information.

Complaints process

You can lodge a complaint or query with LA Health Medical Scheme directly on 0860 103 933 or address a complaint in writing to the Principal Officer. If your complaint remains unresolved, you can lodge a formal dispute by following LA Health Medical Scheme's internal disputes process.

Once the Scheme's internal processes are exhausted, and the issues remains unresolved, you may approach the Council for Medical Schemes for assistance: Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157 / complaints@medicalschemes.com / 0861 123 267 / www.medicalschemes.com