2026 Comparative Guide

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Why choose Bestmed?

Bestmed is *Personally Yours*

- **Excellent preventative care benefits** on all options to ensure the early detection of serious illness or medical conditions.
- Children qualify for **child dependant rates up to the age of 24 years.**
- Families pay for up to three child beneficiaries and the **rest are covered at no cost (All options except Rhythm1).**
- **Extensive maternity benefits,** including a maternity care programme.
- **Eight Managed Healthcare programmes,** including Back and neck preventative programme, Oncology care, HIV/AIDS care, Dialysis care, Alcohol and Substance Abuse care, Wound care, Stoma care and Maternity care.
- Bestmed is the **largest self-administered scheme** which means that administration costs are less than our competitors.
- Bestmed is the **fourth largest open medical scheme** in the country.
- Ranked at the **forefront of customer experience** in the medical schemes industry in the **2020, 2021 and 2022 South African Customer Satisfaction Index (SA-csi),** and rated **first** in the Medical Aid Companies category of the **Ask Afrika Orange Index** in 2020 and 2022. Bestmed was also honoured as the **News24 Medical Scheme of the Year** in the **News24 Business Awards 2024**.
- **More than 21 300 network provider** agreements.
- **Country-wide geographical healthcare network coverage.**

Free wellness programme: Tempo

- Live life at your Tempo with free health and wellness benefits for all beneficiaries, regardless of your benefit option.
- The Tempo Lifestyle Screening, available online for your convenience, will help you assess your overall health and wellness status.
- Fully funded in-person and/or virtual consultations with Bestmed Tempo partner biokineticists and dietitians.
- An established network of healthcare professionals supporting your physical, nutritional and mental wellbeing.

Be 'appy' and download the Bestmed App

The **Bestmed App** is just one more way that Bestmed is Personally Yours. It's user-friendly and has been designed to put all your essential medical aid information at your fingertips.

The app provides the following benefits:

- Access to a digital version of your membership card
- Find a service provider
- Submit a claim
- Check your available benefits
- Email your membership card to service providers
- Check your Tempo Lifestyle Screening results
- Update contact details for dependants 18 years and older
- Submit your chronic application/prescription

Download the Bestmed App from your preferred platform:

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Android devices

App Store
iOS devices

AppGallery
Huawei devices

Tempo

Wellness programme

All you need to know about Tempo

WHAT IS TEMPO?

Tempo is our health and wellness programme that assists members in leading a healthier lifestyle and living their best lives.

WHY SHOULD I ACTIVATE TEMPO?

As a member, you and your family already have access to the Tempo benefits at no additional costs. By simply completing the Tempo Lifestyle Screening, you activate Tempo benefits and you will automatically have access to over a thousand healthcare professionals who are trained and motivated to help you improve your lifestyle and become the best version of yourself.

HOW DO I ACTIVATE THE PROGRAMME?

For your convenience the Tempo Lifestyle Screening is available for completion via the Tempo portal on the Bestmed App or website. Your data will reflect on the Tempo partner pharmacies' (Clicks, Dis-Chem, Van Heerden Pharmacy, Arrie Nel, and The Local Choice) systems for the registered nurse to also complete the biometric screening portion of the screening. The completed screening will give you an important overview of your health status, and guide you in terms of which areas require focus to improve your health.

Should you choose to make use of the Tempo physical wellbeing and/or nutrition benefits, the results will also be shared with our Tempo partner biokineticists and dietitians automatically.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE TEMPO WELLNESS PROGRAMME?

The Tempo wellness programme is focused on supporting you on your path to improving your health and realising the rewards that come with it. To ensure you achieve this, you will have access to the following benefits:

Tempo Lifestyle Screening for adults (beneficiaries 16 years and older) which includes:

- The Tempo lifestyle questionnaire
- Blood pressure check
- Cholesterol check
- Glucose check
- Height and weight measurement

Tempo physical wellbeing and nutrition benefits (beneficiaries 16 and older):

Physical wellbeing:

- 1 x **(face-to-face)** physical health assessment at a Tempo partner biokineticist
- 1 x follow-up **(virtual or face-to-face)** consult to obtain your personalised exercise plan from the Tempo partner biokineticist

Nutrition:

- 1 x **(face-to-face)** nutrition assessment at a Tempo partner dietitian
- 1 x follow-up **(virtual or face-to-face)** consult to obtain your personlised healthy-eating plan from the Tempo partner dietitian

In addition to the Tempo physical wellbeing and nutrition benefits, you will also have access to **Tempo Wellness Webinars** hosted monthly. The webinars are themed around mental health and various other wellness-related topics.

DO THE FREE BENEFITS DIFFER FOR MEMBERS ON DIFFERENT HEALTHCARE OPTIONS?

No. The Bestmed Tempo benefits are exactly the same on all the options.

We hope you found the answer you were looking for. If not, please email us for more information: **tempo@bestmed.co.za**

*All beneficiaries need to register their details on the Tempo portal to use the online features, and cannot register with the principal member's details.

bestMed tempo wellness programme

Beat

Range

The Beat range offers flexible hospital benefits with savings on some options to pay for out-of-hospital expenses. Beat1, 2 and 3 also offer you the choice to lower your monthly contribution in the form of network options.

Method of Scheme benefit payment

BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
▪ In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk. ▪ Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk. ▪ Out-of-hospital benefits are paid from your own pocket.	▪ In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk. ▪ Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk. ▪ Out-of-hospital benefits are paid from your medical savings account (savings).	▪ In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk. ▪ Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk. ▪ Some out-of-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk and some from your medical savings account (savings).		▪ In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk. ▪ Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk. ▪ Some out-of-hospital benefits are paid from your medical savings account (savings) first, once depleted, from your day-to-day benefit.

BEAT NETWORK PLAN OPTION

- Bestmed offers members a choice of network hospitals for in-hospital benefits.
- If a member voluntarily chooses not to make use of a hospital within the Beat network, a maximum co-payment of R15 025 will apply.

In-hospital benefits

The non-network (standard) Beat options provide you with access to any hospital of your choice. The network options provide you with a list of designated hospitals for you to use and also allows you to save.

Benefits relating to conditions that meet the criteria for PMBs will be covered in full when using DSPs, and this will not affect your savings.

Note: All the below benefits are subject to pre-authorisation and clinical protocols.

All members must obtain pre-authorisation for planned procedures at least 14 (fourteen) days before the event. However, in the case of an emergency, you, your representative or the hospital must notify Bestmed of your hospitalisation as soon as possible or on the first working day after admission to hospital.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Accommodation (hospital stay) and theatre fees	100% Scheme tariff.				
Take-home medicine	100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R450 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.		100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R500 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.		100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R550 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.
Biological medicine during hospitalisation	Limited to R12 144 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.	Limited to R18 215 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.	Limited to R24 286 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.		Limited to R30 357 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.
Treatment in mental health facilities	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to 21 days per beneficiary per annum in hospital, including inpatient electro-convulsive therapy and inpatient psychotherapy, OR 15 contact sessions for out-patient psychotherapy per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				
Treatment of chemical and substance abuse	Benefits shall be limited to the treatment of PMB conditions and subject to the following: ▪ Pre-authorisation ▪ DSPs ▪ 21 days' stay for in-hospital management per beneficiary per annum.				
Consultations and procedures	100% Scheme tariff.				
Surgical procedures and anaesthetics	100% Scheme tariff.				
Organ transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).				
Stem cell transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).				
Major maxillofacial surgery, strictly related to certain conditions	No benefit (PMBs only).		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R16 378 per family per annum.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R16 678 per family per annum.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Dental and oral surgery (in- or out-of-hospital)	PMBs only at DSP day hospitals.	PMBs only at DSP day hospitals. **Beneficiaries 7 years and younger** Limited to R6 642 per family per annum. **Beneficiaries over 7 years** Dental surgical procedures paid from savings for procedures performed in the doctor's rooms only.	Limited to R10 217 per family per annum.		Limited to R12 772 per family per annum.
Overall annual prosthesis limit (subject to preferred providers and DSPs, otherwise limits and co-payments apply)	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R99 764 per family per annum.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R100 818 per family per annum.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R123 064 per family per annum.
Prosthesis – Internal **Note: Sub-limits subject to availability of overall prosthesis limit. DSPs apply.** ***Functional: Items used to replace or augment an impaired bodily function.**	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R35 613. ▪ Vascular R57 441. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R54 390. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R39 819. ▪ Drug-eluting stents – subject to Vascular prosthesis limit. ▪ Mesh R13 975. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R11 419. ▪ Lens implants R8 713 a lens per eye.		Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R36 763. ▪ Vascular R68 929. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R54 390. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R39 966. ▪ Drug-eluting stents – subject to Vascular prosthesis limit. ▪ Mesh R14 047. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R11 601. ▪ Lens implants R8 713 a lens per eye.		Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R39 060. ▪ Vascular R74 674. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R71 218. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R42 522. ▪ Drug-eluting stents R23 890. ▪ Mesh R15 777. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R11 570. ▪ Lens implants R9 014 a lens per eye.
Exclusions (Prosthesis sub-limits form part of overall Internal prosthesis limit subject to preferred provider, otherwise limits and co-payments apply).	Joint replacement surgery (except for PMBs). PMBs subject to prosthesis limits: ▪ Hip replacement and other major joints R41 918. ▪ Knee and shoulder replacements R51 686. ▪ Other minor joints R16 078.		Joint replacement surgery (except for PMBs). PMBs subject to prosthesis limits: ▪ Hip replacement and other major joints R42 221. ▪ Knee and shoulder replacements R52 241. ▪ Other minor joints R16 078.		Joint replacement surgery (except for PMBs). PMBs subject to prosthesis limits: ▪ Hip replacement and other major joints R43 723. ▪ Knee and shoulder replacements R58 086. ▪ Other minor joints R17 848.
Prosthesis – External	No benefit (PMBs only).				Limited to R29 599 per family. Includes artificial limbs, limited to one (1) limb every 60 months. Repair work to artificial limbs will be funded from the out-of-hospital Medical aids, apparatus and appliances benefit.
Breast surgery for cancer	Treatment of the **unaffected (non-cancerous) breast** will be limited to PMB provisions and is subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.				
Orthopaedic and medical appliances **Note: Appliances directly relating to the hospital admission and/or procedure**	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R15 690 per family per annum.				
Pathology	100% Scheme tariff.				
Basic radiology	100% Scheme tariff.				

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in- and/ or out-of-hospital (including MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies). PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R20 920 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R23 012 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R33 472 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R36 610 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R41 840 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Oncology	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers, and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.				
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				
Confinements (birthing, including midwife-assisted births)	100% Scheme tariff.				
HIV/AIDS	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				
Refractive surgery and other procedures (in- and/or out-of-hospital) done to improve or stabilise vision (except cataracts)	PMBs only.		100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and protocols. Limited to R10 518 per eye.		100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and protocols. Limited to R11 871 per eye.
Supplementary services	100% Scheme tariff.				
Alternative to hospitalisation (i.e. procedures done in the doctor's rooms)	100% Scheme tariff.				
Cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) implants. (including fees for all providers, hospital and device)	No benefit.				100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R250 000 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and Preferred Providers or DSPs. Sound processor upgrades every 5 years.
Advanced illness benefit	100% Scheme tariff, limited to R72 858 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to available benefit, pre-authorisation and treatment plan.				100% Scheme tariff, limited to R109 288 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to available benefit, pre-authorisation and treatment plan.
Day procedures	Day procedures performed in a day hospital by a DSP provider will be funded at 100% network or Scheme, subject to: pre-authorisation; protocols and funding guidelines; and DSPs. A co-payment of R2 872 will be incurred per event if a day procedure is done in an acute hospital that is not a day hospital. If a DSP is used and the DSP does not work in a day hospital, the day procedure co-payment will not apply if done in acute hospital, if it is arranged with the Scheme before the time.				
International medical travel cover	▪ **Holiday travel:** Limited to 90 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA. ▪ **Business travel:** Limited to 60 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA.				
Co-payments	**Non-network hospital co-payment:** Co-payment for voluntary use of non-network hospital R15 025. Applicable to network options.		**Non-network hospital co-payment:** Co-payment for voluntary use of non-network hospital R15 025. Applicable to network options.		

Out-of-hospital benefits

Note: Benefits below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

Members are required to obtain pre-authorisation for all planned treatments and/or procedures, PMB services and chronic medication.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Overall day-to-day limit	Not applicable.				M = R16 227, M1+ = R32 452.
General Practitioner (GP), nurse and specialist consultations, including for emergency unit visits (where a procedure room was used)	No benefit.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Savings first. Limited to M = R4 133, M1+ = R7 361. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Basic and specialised dentistry	No benefit.	**Basic:** Preventative benefit or savings account. **Specialised:** Savings account. **Orthodontic:** Subject to pre-authorisation.			Savings first. Limited to M = R7 149, M1+ = R14 359. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit) Orthodontics are subject to pre-authorisation.
Medical aids, apparatus and appliances including wheelchairs	No benefit.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Savings first. Limited to R14 575 per family. Includes repairs to artificial limbs. 100% Scheme tariff. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).
Hearing aids (Subject to pre-authorisation)	No benefit.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Limited to R13 357 per family every 24 months. 100% Scheme tariff. Subject to quotation, motivation and audiogram.
Supplementary services	No benefit.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Limited to R2 188 per family per annum. Thereafter, savings account.	Savings first. Limited to M = R6 311, M1+ = R12 817. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Wound care benefit (incl. dressings, negative pressure wound therapy -NPWT- treatment and related nursing services -out-of-hospital)	NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation. General wound care shall be at 100% Scheme tariff and be limited to R4 463 per family per annum.				General wound care savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R6 311 per family. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit). NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation.
Basic radiology and pathology	No benefit.	Savings account.			Savings first. Limited to M = R4 132, M1+ = R8 414. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in- and/ or out-of-hospital (including MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies). PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.	Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R20 920 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R23 012 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R33 472 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R36 610 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R41 840 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Rehabilitation services after trauma	PMBs only. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				100% Scheme tariff.
Back and neck preventative programme	Benefits payable at 100% of contracted fee. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSPs.				
HIV/AIDS	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				
Oncology	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers, and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.				

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.				
Optometry benefit	No benefit.	Savings account.	Savings account.	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R990 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) OR Contact lenses = R1 760 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R743 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R1 080 (consisting of R850 per base lens plus R230 per branded lens add-on) In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R1 760	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R1 270 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) OR Contact lenses = R2 085 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R953 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R1 080 (consisting of R850 per base lens plus R230 per branded lens add-on) In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R2 085

Medicine benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines, the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP), and the exclusions referred to in Annexure C of the registered Rules. Approved CDL, PMB and non-CDL chronic medicine costs will be paid from the non-CDL chronic medicine limit first. Thereafter, approved CDL and PMB chronic medicine costs will continue to be paid (unlimited) from Scheme risk.

Members will not incur co-payments for approved PMB medications that are on the formulary for which there is no generic alternative.

Note: Refer to the Chronic Conditions List at the back of the Comparative Guide.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
CDL & PMB chronic medicine*	100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 30% for non-formulary medicine.				100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 20% for non-formulary medicine.
Non-CDL chronic medicine	No benefit.		5 conditions. 80% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R4 358, M1+ = R8 865. Co-payment of 30% for non-formulary medicine.		9 conditions. 90% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R9 571, M1+ = R19 143 Co-payment of 20% for non-formulary medicine.
Biological medicine	PMBs only as per funding protocol. Subject to pre-authorisation.				
Other high-cost medicine	PMBs only as per funding protocol. Subject to pre-authorisation.				
Acute medicine	No benefit.	Savings account.			Savings first. Limited to M = R3 652, M1+ = R7 376. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine **Includes sunscreen, vitamins and minerals with NAPPI codes on Scheme formulary**	No benefit.	Savings account.			**Member choice: R1 214 OTC limit per family OR Access to full savings for OTC purchases (after R1 214 limit) = self-payment gap accumulation. Subject to available savings.

*For Beat3, Beat3 Plus and Beat4, approved medicines for the following conditions are not subject to the non-CDL limit: organ transplant, chronic renal failure, multiple sclerosis, haemophilia. Medicine claims will be paid directly from Scheme risk.

**The default OTC choice is 1. R1 214 OTC limit. Members wishing to choose the self-payment gap accumulation option are welcome to contact Bestmed.

Preventative care benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Preventative care benefits **Note: Refer to Scheme rules for funding criteria applicable to each preventative care benefit.**	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 092 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R3 295 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Pap smear – ages 18 and above, every 24 months. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit.	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 301 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R3 595 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Preventative dentistry. ▪ Pap smear – ages 18 and above, every 24 months. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit.	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 510 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R3 795 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Preventative dentistry. ▪ Pap smear – ages 18 and above, every 24 months. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit.		▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 801 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R4 225 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Preventative dentistry. ▪ Pap smear (procedure and consultation) – ages 18 and above, every 24 months. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
PREVENTATIVE DENTISTRY					
General full-mouth examination by a general dentist (incl. gloves and use of sterile equipment)	No benefit	Once a year for members 12 years and above. Twice a year for members under 12 years.			
Full-mouth intra-oral radiographs	No benefit	Once every 36 months for all ages.			
Intra-oral radiograph	No benefit	Two (2) photos per year for all ages.			
Scaling and/or polishing	No benefit	Twice per year (i.e. every 6 months from the date of service) for all ages.			
Fluoride treatment	No benefit	Twice per year (i.e. every 6 months from the date of service) for all ages.			
Fissure sealing	No benefit	Up to and including 21 years. Frequency must be in accordance with accepted protocol.			
Space maintainers	No benefit	Once per space during the primary and mixed denture stage.			

Disclaimer on exclusions: General and option-specific exclusions apply. Please refer to www.bestmed.co.za for more details.

Maternity benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to registration, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

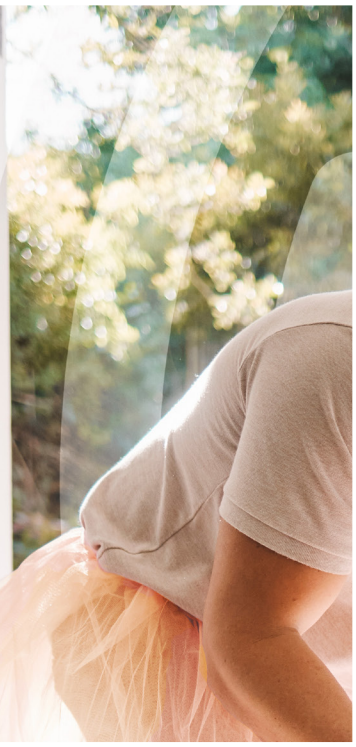
BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
100% Scheme tariff. Subject to the following benefits: **Consultations:** ▪ 6 antenatal consultations at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. **Ultrasounds:** ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 1st trimester (between 10 to 12 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 2nd trimester (between 20 to 24 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist.		100% Scheme tariff. Subject to the following benefits: **Consultations:** ▪ 9 antenatal consultations at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. ▪ 1 post-natal consultation at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. **Ultrasounds:** ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 1st trimester (between 10 to 12 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 2nd trimester (between 20 to 24 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. **Supplements:** ▪ Any item categorised as a maternity supplement can be claimed up to a maximum of R145 per claim, once a month, for a maximum of 9 months.		

Contributions

		BEAT1 N	BEAT1	BEAT2 N	BEAT2	BEAT3 N	BEAT 3	BEAT3 PLUS	BEAT4
Medical Savings Account		N/A		16%		15%		25%	14%
Principal Member	Risk	R 2 269	R2 523	R2 331	R2 591	R3 453	R3 837	R3 781	R6 334
	Savings	R0	R0	R444	R493	R609	R677	R1 261	R1 031
	Total	**R 2 269**	**R2 523**	**R2 775**	**R3 084**	**R4 062**	**R4 514**	**R5 042**	**R7 365**
Adult Dependant	Risk	R1 764	R1 959	R1 811	R2 012	R2 463	R2 737	R2 809	R5 231
	Savings	R0	R0	R345	R383	R435	R483	R937	R851
	Total	**R1 764**	**R1 959**	**R2 156**	**R2 395**	**R2 898**	**R3 220**	**R3 746**	**R6 082**
Child Dependant	Risk	R956	R1 061	R980	R1 091	R1 219	R1 354	R1 426	R1 566
	Savings	R0	R0	R187	R208	R215	R239	R476	R255
	Total	**R956**	**R1 061**	**R1 167**	**R1 299**	**R1 434**	**R1 593**	**R1 902**	**R1 821**
You pay for a maximum of three children. Any additional children join as beneficiaries on the Scheme at no additional cost.									
Recognition of a child dependant				Dependants under the age of 24 years are regarded as child dependants.					

ABBREVIATIONS

CDL = Chronic Disease List; DBC = Documentation Based Care (back rehabilitation programme); DSP = Designated Service Provider; GP = General Practitioner or Doctor; HPV = Human Papilloma Virus; M = Member; M1+ = Member and family; MRP = Mediscor Reference Price; PMB = Prescribed Minimum Benefit; PPN = Preferred Provider Negotiators; PSA = Prostate Specific Antigen.



Pace

Range

The Pace range offers comprehensive in-hospital and out-of-hospital benefits. These options all have additional day-to-day benefits to cover extensive out-of-hospital expenses. This range is ideal for those seeking comprehensive cover.

Method of Scheme benefit payment

PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
▪ In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk benefit. Some out-of-hospital benefits are paid from the annual savings first and once depleted will be paid from the day-to-day benefit. ▪ Once the day-to-day benefit is depleted, benefits can be paid from the available vested savings. Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk benefit.			▪ In-hospital benefits, out-of-hospital benefits and preventative care benefits are paid from Scheme risk. ▪ Once out-of-hospital risk benefits are depleted, further claims will be paid from savings.

In-hospital benefits

Benefits relating to conditions that meet the criteria for PMBs will be covered in full when using DSPs, and this will not affect your savings.

Note: All the below benefits are subject to pre-authorisation and clinical protocols.

All members must obtain pre-authorisation for planned procedures at least 14 (fourteen) days before the event. However, in the case of an emergency, you, your representative or the hospital must notify Bestmed of your hospitalisation as soon as possible or on the first working day after admission to hospital.

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Accommodation (hospital stay) and theatre fees	100% Scheme tariff.			
Take-home medicine	100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R550 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.	100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R600 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.		100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R700 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.
Biological medicine during hospitalisation	Limited to R36 430 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.	Limited to the Biological medicine benefit per beneficiary per year as set out on page 19. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.		
Treatment in mental health facilities	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to 21 days per beneficiary per annum in hospital, including inpatient electro-convulsive therapy and inpatient psychotherapy, OR 15 contact sessions for out-patient psychotherapy per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.			
Treatment of chemical and substance abuse	Benefits shall be limited to the treatment of PMB conditions and subject to the following: ▪ Pre-authorisation ▪ DSPs ▪ 21 days' stay for in-hospital management per beneficiary per annum.			
Consultations and procedures	100% Scheme tariff.			
Surgical procedures and anaesthetics	100% Scheme tariff.			
Organ transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).			
Stem cell transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).			
Major maxillofacial surgery, strictly related to certain conditions	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R16 527 per family per annum.	100% Scheme tariff.		
Dental and oral surgery (in or out of hospital)	Limited to R10 217 per family per annum.	Limited to R16 979 per family per annum.	Limited to R21 335 per family per annum.	Limited to R25 542 per family per annum.
Overall annual prosthesis limit (subject to preferred provider, otherwise limits and co-payments apply)	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R114 189 per family.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R146 642 per family.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R147 394 per family.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R170 081 per family.
Prosthesis – Internal **Note: Sub-limits subject to availability of overall prosthesis limit.** ***Functional: Items used to replace or augment an impaired bodily function.**	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R39 060. ▪ Vascular R74 674. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R71 068. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R41 618. ▪ Drug-eluting stents – subject to Vascular prosthesis limit. ▪ Mesh R15 626. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R11 269 ▪ Lens implants R8 565 a lens per eye.	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R41 358. ▪ Vascular R74 674. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R79 255. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R73 517. ▪ Drug-eluting stents R24 040. ▪ Mesh R24 040. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R17 954 ▪ Lens implants R15 416 a lens per eye.	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R41 358. ▪ Vascular R79 269. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R79 255. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R73 657. ▪ Drug-eluting stents R24 040. ▪ Mesh R24 040. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R18 030. ▪ Lens implants R15 416 a lens per eye.	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R45 953. ▪ Vascular R79 269. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R79 255. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R85 048. ▪ Drug-eluting stents R28 323. ▪ Mesh R24 942. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R20 584. ▪ Lens implants R22 792 a lens per eye.

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Prosthesis – Internal **Note: Sub-limits subject to availability of overall prosthesis limit.** ***Functional: Items used to replace or augment an impaired bodily function.**		▪ Joint replacements: - Hip replacement and other major joints R66 033. - Knee and shoulder replacements R76 627. - Other minor joints R28 471.	▪ Joint replacements: - Hip replacement and other major joints R66 108. - Knee and shoulder replacements R77 001. - Other minor joints R28 471.	▪ Joint replacements: - Hip replacement and other major joints R76 102. - Knee and shoulder replacements R88 120. - Other minor joints R28 323.
Exclusions (Prosthesis sub-limits form part of overall Internal prosthesis limit subject to preferred provider, otherwise limits and co-payments apply)	▪ Joint replacement surgery (except for PMBs). PMBs subject to prosthesis limits: - Hip replacement and other major joints R42 369. - Knee and shoulder replacements R56 344. - Other minor joints R17 505.	Not applicable.		
Prosthesis – External	Limited to R28 998 per family per annum.	Limited to R34 557 per family per annum.	Limited to R34 708 per family per annum.	Limited to R39 216 per family per annum.
Orthopaedic and medical appliances **Note: Appliances directly relating to the hospital admission and/or procedure**	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R15 690 per family per annum.			
Pathology	100% Scheme tariff.			
Basic radiology	100% Scheme tariff.			
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in and/or out of hospital (including MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies). **PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.**	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R41 840 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R43 932 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R47 070 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Oncology	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers, and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.		100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential, Core and Enhanced level ICON protocols apply. Additional access to biological / high cost medicine cover limited to the biological / high cost medicine benefit.	
Breast surgery for cancer	Treatment of the **unaffected (non-cancerous) breast** will be limited to PMB provisions and is subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.			
Medically necessary breast reduction surgery (including fees for all providers, hospital and procedure)	No benefit		100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R100 000 per family per annum. Subject to funding protocols and pre-authorisation.	
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.			
HIV/AIDS	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.			
Confinements (birthing, including midwife-assisted births)	100% Scheme tariff.			
Refractive surgery and other procedures (in and/or out of hospital) done to improve or stabilise vision (except cataracts)	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and protocols. Limited to R11 359 per eye.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and protocols. Limited to R11 869 per eye.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and protocols. Limited to R12 772 per eye.	
Supplementary services	100% Scheme tariff.			
Alternative to hospitalisation (i.e. procedures done in the doctor's rooms)	100% Scheme tariff.			

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Cochlear implants and bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA) implants. (including fees for all providers, hospital and device)	100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R250 000 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and Preferred Providers or DSPs. Sound processor upgrades every 5 years.	100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R285 000 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and Preferred Providers or DSPs. Sound processor upgrades every 5 years.	100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R320 000 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and Preferred Providers or DSPs. Sound processor upgrades every 5 years.	100% Scheme tariff up to a maximum limit of R350 000 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and Preferred Providers or DSPs.Sound processor upgrades every 5 years.
Advanced illness benefit	100% Scheme tariff, limited to R91 073 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to available benefit, pre-authorisation and treatment plan.	100% Scheme tariff, limited to R145 716 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to available benefit, pre-authorisation and treatment plan.		
Day procedures	Day procedures performed in a day hospital by a DSP provider will be funded at 100% network or Scheme tariff subject to: pre-authorisation; protocols and funding guidelines. A co-payment of R2 872 will be incurred per event if a day procedure is done in an acute hospital that is not a day hospital. If a DSP is used and the DSP does not work in a day hospital, the day procedure co-payment will not apply if done in acute hospital, if it is arranged with the Scheme before the time.			
International medical travel cover	▪ **Holiday travel:** Limited to 90 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA. ▪ **Business travel:** Limited to 60 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA.			

Out-of-hospital benefits

Note: Benefits below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

Members are required to obtain pre-authorisation for all planned treatments and/or procedures, PMB services and chronic medication. Approved PMBs will be paid from Scheme risk.

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Overall day-to-day limit	M = R13 794, M1+ = R27 586.	M = R17 233, M1+ = R34 465.	M = R23 028, M1+ = R47 590.	M = R45 375, M1+ = R73 172.
GP, nurse and specialist consultations, including for emergency unit visits (where a procedure room was used)	Savings first. Limited to M = R2 840, M1+ = R5 710. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. Limited to M = R5 260, M1+ = R10 661. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. Limited to M = R5 561, M1+ = R11 269. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Limited to M = R7 137, M1+ = R11 570. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Basic and specialised dentistry	Savings first. **Basic:** Preventative benefit or savings account. Limit once savings exceeded. **Specialised:** Savings account then limit. **Orthodontic:** Subject to pre-authorisation. Limited to M = R5 228, M1+ = R10 609. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. **Basic:** Preventative benefit or savings account. Limit once savings exceeded. **Specialised:** Savings account then limit. **Orthodontic:** Subject to pre-authorisation. Beneficiaries over 18 years of age. Limited to M = R8 762, M1+ = R17 527. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. **Basic:** Preventative benefit or savings account. Limit once savings exceeded. **Specialised:** Savings account then limit. **Orthodontic:** Subject to pre-authorisation. Beneficiaries over 18 years of age. Limited to M = R9 442, M1+ = R17 603. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Limited to M = R15 759, M1+ = R26 598. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit) **Orthodontic:** Subject to pre-authorisation. Beneficiaries over 18 years of age.
Orthodontic dentistry	Per the benefits specified for Pace1 under Basic and specialised dentistry.	Savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation. Limited to R8 500 per event for beneficiaries up to 18 years of age. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation. Limited to R10 929 per event for beneficiaries up to 18 years of age. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation. Limited to R13 357 per event for beneficiaries up to 18 years of age. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Medical aids, apparatus and appliances	Savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R14 575 per family. Includes repairs to artificial limbs. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).	Savings first. Limited to R13 221 per family. Includes repairs to artificial limbs. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).		Limited to R13 221 per family. Includes repairs to artificial limbs and insulin pump consumables. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).
Wheel chairs	Subject to medical apparatus and appliance limits.	Limit on wheelchairs of R17 880 per family per 48 months.		
Hearing aids (Subject to pre-authorisation)	Limited to R10 123 per family every 24 months. 100% Scheme tariff. Subject to quotation, motivation and audiogram.	Limited to R33 472 per beneficiary every 24 months. Subject to quotation, motivation and audiogram.		Limited to R36 610 per beneficiary every 24 months. Subject to quotation, motivation and audiogram.
Insulin pump (excluding consumables)	No benefit.			100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R53 143 per beneficiary every 24 months. Subject to pre-authorisation.
Continuous/Flash Glucose Monitoring (CGM/FGM)	Refer to medical aids, apparatus and appliances limit listed above.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R24 286 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R30 357 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation.

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Supplementary services	Savings first. Limited to M = R5 574, M1+ = R11 570. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. Limited to M = R4 021, M1+ = R8 042. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Savings first. Limited to M = R3 396 M1+ = R7 137. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	Limited to M = R7 137, M1+ = R14 048. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Wound care benefit (incl. dressings, negative pressure wound therapy -NPWT- treatment and related nursing services – out-of-hospital)	General wound care savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R4 583 per family per annum. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit). NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation.	General wound care savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R8 245 per family per annum. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit). NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation.	General wound care savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R11 488 per family per annum. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit). NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation.	General wound care shall be at 100% of Scheme tariff and be limited to R17 429 per family per annum. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit). NPWT wound therapy shall be at 100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation.
Optometry benefit	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R1 270 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) OR Contact lenses = R2 085 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R953 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R1 080 (consisting of R850 per base lens plus R230 per branded lens add-on) In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R2 085	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R1 325 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) AND Lens enhancement = R750 covered OR Contact lenses = R2 280 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R994 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R1 080 (consisting of R850 per base lens plus R230 per branded lens add-on) AND Lens enhancements = R750 covered In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R2 280		Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R1 325 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) AND Lens enhancement = R750 covered OR Contact lenses = R2 700 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R994 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R1 080 (consisting of R850 per base lens plus R230 per branded lens add-on) Lens enhancement = R750 covered In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R2 700
Basic radiology and pathology	Savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R4 132, M1+ = R8 264. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)		Savings first. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R4 508, M1+ = R8 939. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R7 137, M1+ = R14 048. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit)
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in and/or out of hospital (including MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies). PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of hospital benefit of R41 840 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of hospital benefit of R43 932 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.		100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of hospital benefit of R47 070 per family per annum. PET scans are limited to one (1) scan per beneficiary per annum. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Rehabilitation services after trauma	100% Scheme tariff.			
Back and neck preventative programme	Benefits payable at 100% of contracted fee. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSPs.			
HIV/AIDS	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.			
Oncology	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.		100% of Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential, Core and Enhanced level ICON protocols apply. Additional access to biological / high cost medicine cover limited to the biological / high cost medicine benefit.	
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.			

Medicine benefits

Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines, the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP) and the exclusions referred to in Annexure C of the registered Rules.

Note: Approved CDL, PMB and non-CDL chronic medicine costs will be paid from the non-CDL chronic medicine limit first. Thereafter, approved CDL and PMB chronic medicine costs will continue to be paid (unlimited) from Scheme risk.

Members will not incur co-payments for approved PMB medications that are on the formulary for which there is no generic alternative.

Note: Approved PMB biological and non-PMB biological medicine costs will be paid from the biological limit first. Once the limit is depleted, only PMB biological medicine costs will continue to be paid unlimited from Scheme risk.

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
CDL & PMB chronic medicine*	100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 25% for non-formulary medicine.	100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 20% for non-formulary medicine.	100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 15% for non-formulary medicine.	100% Scheme tariff. Co-payment of 10% for non-formulary medicine.
Non-CDL chronic medicine	7 conditions. 90% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R8 414, M1+ = R16 827. Co-payment of 25% for non-formulary medicine.	20 conditions. 90% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R11 488, M1+ = R22 976. Co-payment of 20% for non-formulary medicine.	20 conditions. 90% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R17 654, M1+ = R35 310. Co-payment of 15% for non-formulary medicine.	29 conditions. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to M = R25 165, M1+ = R50 558. Co-payment of 10% for non-formulary medicine.
Biological medicine	PMBs only as per funding protocol.	Limited to R210 208 per beneficiary per year.	Limited to R420 695 per beneficiary per year.	Limited to R622 628 per beneficiary per year.
Other high-cost medicine	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation.
Acute medicine	Savings first. Limited to M = R2 977, M1+ = R6 161. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).	Savings first. Limited to M = R3 447, M1+ = R6 893. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).	Savings first. Limited to M = R2 298, M1+ = R5 169. (Subject to overall day-to-day limit).	Limited to M = R10 732, M1+ = R16 671. (10% co-payment. Subject to overall day-to-day limit).
Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine Includes sunscreen, vitamins and minerals with NAPPI codes on Scheme formulary	**Member choice: 1. R1 214 OTC limit per family OR 2. Access to full savings for OTC purchases (after R1 214 limit) = self-payment gap accumulation. Subject to available savings.			Savings account.

*For all Pace options, approved medicines for the following conditions are not subject to the non-CDL limit: organ transplant, chronic renal failure, multiple sclerosis, haemophilia. Medicine claims will be paid directly from Scheme risk.
**The default OTC choice is 1. R1 214 OTC limit. Members wishing to choose the self-payment gap accumulation option are welcome to contact Bestmed.

Preventative care benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Preventative care **Note: Refer to Scheme rules for funding criteria applicable to each preventative care benefit.**	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 801 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R4 225 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Preventative dentistry. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, once every 24 months. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines.	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 801 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R4 225 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Preventative dentistry. ▪ Mammogram – females ages 40 and above, once every 24 months. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a GP or specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Bone densitometry. ▪ Pap smear (procedure and consultation) – ages 18 and above, every 24 months. ▪ Glaucoma screening - ages 50 and above, once every 12 months. The benefit is subject to service being received from the contracted Optometrist Network only.		

	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Preventative care **Note: Refer to Scheme rules for funding criteria applicable to each preventative care benefit.**	▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at urologist or GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HPV vaccinations. ▪ Pap smear (procedure and consultation) – age 18 and above, every 24 months.			
PREVENTATIVE DENTISTRY				
General full-mouth examination by a general dentist (incl. gloves and use of sterile equipment)	Once a year for members 12 years and above. Twice a year for members under 12 years.			
Full-mouth intra-oral radiographs	Once every 36 months for all ages.			
Intra-oral radiograph	Two (2) photos per year for all ages.			
Scaling and/or polishing	Twice per year (i.e. every 6 months from the date of service) for all ages.			
Fluoride treatment	Twice per year (i.e. every 6 months from the date of service) for all ages.			
Fissure sealing	Up to and including 21 years. Frequency must be in accordance with accepted protocol.			
Space maintainers	Once per space during the primary and mixed denture stage.			

Disclaimer on exclusions: General and option-specific exclusions apply. Please refer to www.bestmed.co.za for more details.

Maternity benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to registration, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
100% Scheme tariff. Subject to the following benefits: **Consultations:** ▪ 9 antenatal consultations at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. ▪ 1 post-natal consultation at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. **Ultrasounds:** ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 1st trimester (between 10 to 12 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 2nd trimester (between 20 to 24 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. **Supplements:** ▪ Any item categorised as a maternity supplement can be claimed up to a maximum of R145 per claim, once a month, for a maximum of 9 months.			

Contributions

		PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4
Medical Savings Account		**19%**	**14%**	**14%**	**3%**
Principal Member	Risk	R4 807	R7 539	R8 655	R12 195
	Savings	R1 127	R1 227	R1 409	R377
	Total	**R5 934**	**R8 766**	**R10 064**	**R12 572**
Adult Dependant	Risk	R3 474	R7 393	R6 967	R12 195
	Savings	R815	R1 203	R1 134	R377
	Total	**R4 289**	**R8 596**	**R8 101**	**R12 572**
Child Dependant	Risk	R1 248	R1 662	R1 489	R2 857
	Savings	R293	R271	R242	R88
	Total	**R1 541**	**R1 933**	**R1 731**	**R2 945**
You pay for a maximum of three children. Any additional children join as beneficiaries on the Scheme at no additional cost.					
Recognition of a child dependant		Dependants under the age of 24 years are regarded as child dependants.			

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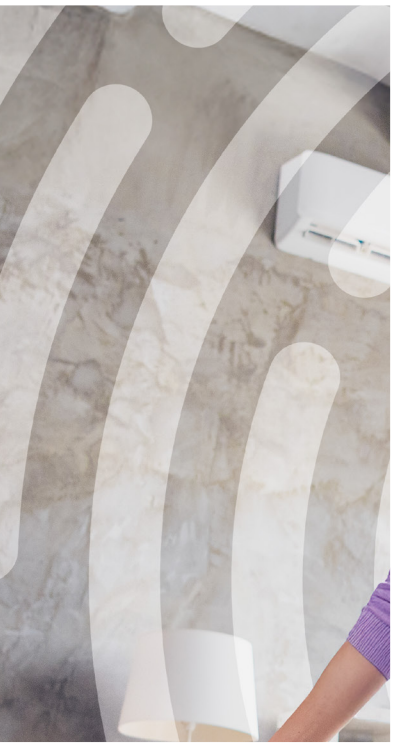

Rhythm

Range

RHYTHM IS IDEALLY SUITABLE FOR YOU IF:

- You are seeking a plan option that is based on your income.
- You are comfortable with making use of designated service providers (DSPs) within our Rhythm network.
- You are looking for unlimited comprehensive cover for hospitalisation and the added benefit of preventative care.

Method of Scheme benefit payment

RHYTHM1 AND RHYTHM2

- In-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk.
- Some preventative care benefits are available from Scheme risk.
- Some out-of-hospital benefits are paid from Scheme risk.
- Benefits relating to conditions that meet the criteria for PMBs will be covered in full when using DSPs.

In-hospital benefits

Note: All the below benefits are subject to pre-authorisation and clinical protocols.

All members must obtain pre-authorisation for planned procedures at least 14 (fourteen) days before the event. However, in the case of an emergency, you, your representative or the hospital must notify Bestmed of your hospitalisation as soon as possible or on the first working day after admission to hospital.

	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
Accommodation (hospital stay) and theatre fees	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff at a DSP hospital.
Take-home medicine	100% Scheme tariff if claimed on the day of discharge, as follows: Limited to a maximum of 7 days treatment if claimed as part of the hospital account, or limited to R450 if claimed from a retail pharmacy. Subject to MRP. No benefit if not claimed within 3 days from the date of discharge.	
Biological medicine during hospitalisation	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Limited to R18 215 per family per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.
Treatment in mental health facilities	Approved PMBs at DSPs. Limited to a maximum of 21 days per beneficiary per annum in hospital including inpatient electro-convulsive therapy and inpatient psychotherapy, OR 15 contact sessions for out-patient psychotherapy per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a maximum of 21 days per beneficiary per annum, including inpatient electro-convulsive therapy and inpatient psychotherapy, OR 15 contact sessions for outpatient psychotherapy per beneficiary per annum. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.
Treatment of chemical and substance abuse	Benefits shall be limited to the treatment of PMB conditions and subject to the following: ▪ Pre-authorisation ▪ DSPs ▪ 21 days' stay for in-hospital management per beneficiary per annum.	
Consultations and procedures	Approved PMBs at DSPs. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSP network.
Surgical procedures and anaesthetics	Approved PMBs at DSPs. Subject to pre-authorisation.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSP network.
Organ transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).	
Stem cell transplants	100% Scheme tariff (PMBs only).	
Major maxillofacial surgery, strictly related to certain conditions	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Approved PMBs at DSPs.
Dental and oral surgery (in or out of hospital)	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Approved PMBs at DSPs.
Overall annual prosthesis limit	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R67 162 per family. Subject to PMBs at DSP network.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R67 162 per family. Subject to preferred providers or DSPs.
Prosthesis – Internal **Note: Sub-limits subject to availability of overall prosthesis limit.** ***Functional: Items used to replace or augment an impaired bodily function.**	Sub-limits per beneficiary per annum: ▪ *Functional R35 613. ▪ Vascular R57 441. ▪ Pacemaker (single and dual chamber) R54 390. ▪ Spinal including artificial disc R33 278. ▪ Drug-eluting stents – subject to Vascular prosthesis limit. DSPs apply. ▪ Mesh R12 171. ▪ Gynaecology / urology R10 053 ▪ Lens implants R6 988 a lens per eye.	
Exclusions (Prosthesis sub-limits form part of overall Internal prosthesis limit subject to preferred provider, otherwise limits and co-payments apply)	Joint replacement surgery (except for PMBs). PMBs subject to prosthesis limits: ▪ Hip replacement and other major joints R34 107. ▪ Knee and shoulder replacements R43 122. ▪ Minor joints R16 151. Functional nasal surgery and surgical procedures where CNS stimulators are used (e.g. epilepsy, Parkinson disease, etc.) will be excluded from benefits, except for PMB conditions.	

	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
Prosthesis – External	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	
Breast surgery for cancer	Treatment of the **unaffected (non-cancerous) breast** will be limited to PMB provisions and is subject to pre-authorisation and funding guidelines.	
Orthopaedic and medical appliances **Note: Appliances directly relating to the hospital admission and/or procedure**	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R8 264 per family per annum.
Basic radiology and pathology	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff.
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in and/or out of hospital (including **MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies).** **PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.**	Approved PMBs at DSPs. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R18 828 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Oncology	Oncology benefits funded at PMB level of care only, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSP.
Confinements (birthing, including midwife-assisted births)	Approved PMBs and emergency caesarean sections (C-sections) at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authoristation, DSPs, protocols and funding guidelines.
Refractive surgery and other procedures (in and/or out of hospital) done to improve or stabilise vision (except cataracts)	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Approved PMBs at DSPs.
Supplementary services	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff.
HIV/AIDS	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSP.
Alternative to hospitalisation (i.e. procedures done in the doctor's rooms)	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs or preferred providers.
Advanced illness benefit	Approved PMBs. Subject to pre-authorisation and treatment plan.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R72 858 per beneficiary per annum. Subject to available benefit, pre-authorisation and treatment plan.
Day procedures	**PMBs in network day hospitals:** Approved PMBs at DSPs. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and funding guidelines. **Non-PMBs in network day-hospitals:** 100% Scheme tariff. Subject to approved DSPs and pre-authorisation. Limited to R57 441 per family per annum for non-PMB day procedures. A R2 872 co-payment will be incurred per event if a day procedure is done in an acute hospital that is not a day hospital. If a DSP is used and the DSP does not work in a day hospital, tthe day procedure co-payment will not apply if done in acute hospital, if it is arranged with the Scheme before the time. The non-PMB conditions covered are: ▪ Circumcision ▪ Colonoscopy ▪ Gastroscopy ▪ Myringotomy and grommet insertion ▪ Sterilisation (male and female) ▪ Tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy	Day procedures performed in a day hospital by a DSP provider will be funded at 100% network or Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, protocols, funding guidelines and DSPs. A R2 872 co-payment will be incurred per event if a day procedure is done in an acute hospital that is not a day hospital. If a DSP is used and the DSP does not work in a day hospital, the day procedure co-payment will not apply if done in acute hospital, if it is arranged with the Scheme before the time.
International medical travel cover	▪ Holiday travel: Limited to 90 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA. ▪ Business travel: Limited to 60 days and R5 000 000 per family, i.e. members and dependants. Limited to R1 000 000 per family for travel to the USA.	
Co-payments	**Non-network hospital co-payment:** Co-payment of R15 025 per event for voluntary use of a non-DSP hospital.	**Non-network hospital co-payment:** Co-payment of R15 025 per event for voluntary use of a non-DSP hospital.

Out-of-hospital benefits

Note: Benefits under the primary care services and the Scheme benefits shall be subject to treatment protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), dental procedure codes, pathology and radiology lists of codes and medicine formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP) as accepted by the Scheme.

Members are required to obtain pre-authorisation for all planned treatments and/or procedures, PMB services and chronic medication.

	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
Overall day-to-day limit	N/A	N/A
GP consultations	Unlimited GP consultations. Subject to Bestmed Rhythm GP network. Pre-approval required after 10th visit. Applicable per family per annum.	Unlimited GP consultations. Subject to Bestmed Rhythm GP network. Applicable per family per annum.
Pharmacy clinic nurse consultations	100% of Scheme tariff. Unlimited primary care nurse consultations (NAPPI code 981078001) at network pharmacies.	No benefit
Casualty and out-of-network GP visits	PMBs only.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R1 802 per family.
Specialist consultations	Specialist consultations must be referred by a Rhythm Network Provider. 100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R2 670 per family per year. Subject to Rhythm Specialist Network.	Specialist consultations must be referred by a Rhythm Network Provider. Limited to M = R1 822, M1+ = R3 037. Subject to Rhythm Specialist Network.
Basic and specialised dentistry	Basic dentistry: Subject to Bestmed Rhythm Dental Network Providers. Specialised dentistry: No benefit.	
Medical aids, apparatus and appliances	PMB only.	
Wheelchairs	PMB only.	
Hearing aids	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	
Supplementary services	PMB only.	
Wound care benefit (incl. dressings, negative pressure wound therapy treatment -NPWT- and related nursing services – out-of-hospital)	PMB only.	
Optometry benefit	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** One (1) consultation (eye test) at optometrist network per beneficiary per annum. No benefit for spectacle frames, lenses or contact lenses. OR **Non-network Provider** One (1) consultation per beneficiary = R420 No benefit for spectacle frames, lenses or contact lenses.	Benefits available every 24 months from date of service. **Network Provider (PPN)** Consultation - One (1) per beneficiary. Frame = R310 covered AND 100% of cost of standard lenses (single vision OR bifocal OR multifocal) OR Contact lenses = R795 OR **Non-network Provider** Consultation - R420 fee at non-network provider Frame = R233 AND Single vision lenses = R225 OR Bifocal lenses = R485 OR Multifocal lenses = R485 In lieu of glasses members can opt for contact lenses, limited to R795
Basic radiology and pathology	100% Scheme tariff. Referral by Bestmed Rhythm Network GP or Rhythm Specialist DSP. Subject to Bestmed Rhythm protocols and approved radiology and pathology codes.	
Specialised diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine - in and/or out of hospital (including MRI scans, CT scans and nuclear / isotope studies). PET scans only included as indicated per benefit option.	Approved PMBs at DSPs. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to a combined in- and out-of-hospital benefit of R18 828 per family per annum. PET scans - PMB only. Subject to benefit confirmation and reference number received from the Contact Centre.
Rehabilitation services after trauma	PMBs only. Subject to pre-authorisation and DSPs.	
Back and neck preventative programme	Benefits payable at 100% of contracted fee. Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSPs.	
HIV/AIDS	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSP.
Oncology	Oncology benefits funded at PMB level of care only, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.	100% Scheme tariff, subject to pre-authorisation, designated or preferred service providers and protocols. Essential ICON protocols apply.
Peritoneal dialysis and haemodialysis	Approved PMBs at DSPs.	Subject to pre-authorisation, protocols and DSP.

Medicine benefits

Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines, the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP) and the exclusions referred to in Annexure C of the registered Rules.

Members will not incur co-payments for approved PMB medications that are on the formulary for which there is no generic alternative.

	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
CDL & PMB chronic medicine	100% Scheme tariff. 30% co-payment for non-formulary medicine.	
Non-CDL chronic medicine	No benefit.	No benefit.
Biological medicine	PMBs only, as per funding protocol. Subject to pre-authorisation.	
Other high-cost medicine	PMBs only, as per funding protocol. Subject to pre-authorisation.	
Acute medicine	100% Scheme tariff. Subject to Bestmed formulary.	
Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine **Includes sunscreen, vitamins and minerals with NAPPI codes on Scheme formulary**	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R251 per family per annum and to R125 per event. Subject to preferred provider pharmacy network.	100% Scheme tariff. Limited to R366 per family per annum and to R122 per event. Subject to preferred provider pharmacy network.

Preventative care benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to pre-authorisation, clinical protocols, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), Rhythm network, formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
Preventative care **Note: Refer to Scheme rules for funding criteria applicable to each preventative care benefit.**	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 092 per beneficiary per year OR Intrauterine device (IUD) limited to R3 295 per beneficiary once every 5 years. ▪ Mammogram (tariff code 34100) – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. Must be referred by a Bestmed Rhythm Network GP or Rhythm Specialist DSP. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a Rhythm Network GP or DSP specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at a DSP urologist or Rhythm Network GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ Pap smear (pathology only) – ages 18 and above, every 24 months.	▪ Flu vaccines. ▪ Pneumonia vaccines. ▪ Travel vaccines. ▪ Paediatric immunisations. ▪ Three baby growth and development assessments per year for children 0-2 years. ▪ Oral / injectable / implantable female contraceptives R2 301 per beneficiary per year OR intrauterine device (IUD) up to the maximum of R3 295 per female beneficiary every 5 years. ▪ HPV vaccinations (Females 9-26 years). ▪ Mammogram (tariff code 34100) – females ages 40 and above, every 24 months. Must be referred by a Bestmed Rhythm Network GP or Rhythm Specialist DSP. ▪ Colon cancer screening - 1 (one) faecal occult blood test (FOBT) per beneficiary aged 40 years and above every 24 months. To be done at a Rhythm Network GP or DSP specialist, the consultation shall be paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ HIV rapid test - voluntary testing and counselling (VCT) subject to Scheme protocols and funding guidelines. ▪ PSA screening - males 45 and above, every 24 months. To be done at a DSP urologist or Rhythm Network GP. Urologist or GP consultation paid from the available consultation benefit. ▪ Pap smear (pathology only) – ages 18 and above, every 24 months.

Disclaimer on exclusions: General and option specific exclusions apply. Please refer to www.bestmed.co.za for more details.

Maternity benefits

Note: Benefits mentioned below may be subject to registration, preferred providers, designated service providers (DSPs), formularies, funding guidelines and the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).

RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
100% Scheme tariff at DSP network. Subject to the following benefits: **Consultations:** ▪ 6 antenatal consultations at a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. **Ultrasounds:** ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 1st trimester (between 10 to 12 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 2nd trimester (between 20 to 24 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist.	**100% Scheme tariff at DSP network. Subject to the following benefits:** **Consultations:** ▪ 9 antenatal consultations at either a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. ▪ 1 post-natal consultations at either a GP OR gynaecologist OR midwife. **Ultrasounds:** ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 1st trimester (between 10 to 12 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. ▪ 1 x 2D ultrasound scan at 2nd trimester (between 20 to 24 weeks) at a GP OR gynaecologist OR radiologist. **Supplements:** ▪ Any item categorised as a maternity supplement can be claimed up to a maximum of R145 per claim, once a month, for a maximum of 9 months.

Contributions

		RHYTHM1		
Income level		R0 – R9 000 pm	R9 001 – R14 000 pm	> R14 001 pm
Medical Savings Account			**N/A**	
Principal Member	Risk	R1 736	R2 024	R3 615
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R1 736**	**R2 024**	**R3 615**
Adult Dependant	Risk	R1 736	R2 024	R3 615
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R1 736**	**R2 024**	**R3 615**
Child Dependant	Risk	R715	R860	R1 873
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R715**	**R860**	**R1 873**
Maximum contribution child dependant		N/A	N/A	N/A
Recognition of a child dependant		Dependants under the age of 24 years are regarded as child dependants.		

		RHYTHM2		
Income level		R0 – R5 500 pm	R5 501 – R8 500 pm	> R8 501 pm
Medical Savings Account			**N/A**	
Principal Member	Risk	R2 747	R3 300	R3 516
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R2 747**	**R3 300**	**R3 516**
Adult Dependant	Risk	R2 610	R3 000	R3 165
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R2 610**	**R3 000**	**R3 165**
Child Dependant	Risk	R1 653	R1 759	R1 759
	Savings	R0	R0	R0
	Total	**R1 653**	**R1 759**	**R1 759**
You pay for a maximum of three children. Any additional children join as beneficiaries on the Scheme at no additional cost.				
Recognition of a child dependant		Dependants under the age of 24 years are regarded as child dependants.		

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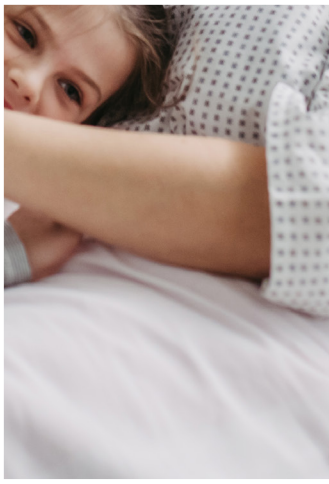
Co-payments and conditions lists



When do co-payments apply for medicine claims?

- If medicine is prescribed/selected for the treatment of a CDL, PMB or non–CDL condition and is not listed on the formulary.
- If the prescribed/selected medicine costs more than the Mediscor Reference Price (MRP).
- A formulary co-payment on non-CDL conditions is applicable depending on the chosen plan option.
- When the provider charges a higher dispensing fee than what the Scheme reimburses.

Please note that according to the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) co-payments may not be deducted from your savings account or vested savings account or reimbursed to you.
The co–payment percentage varies according to the different benefit options. The table below highlights the different co–payments applicable per Scheme option for the CDL, PMB and non–CDL conditions:

Benefit	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT4	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4	RHYTHM1	RHYTHM2
Non-formulary co-payment for CDL and PMB conditions	30%	30%	30%	20%	25%	20%	15%	10%	30%	30%
Formulary co-payment for non-CDL conditions	No benefit	No benefit	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%	No benefit	No benefit
Non-formulary co-payment for non-CDL conditions	No benefit	No benefit	30%	20%	25%	20%	15%	10%	No benefit	No benefit

Chronic Conditions List

The Chronic Disease List (CDL) provides cover for the 27 listed chronic conditions for which medical schemes must cover the diagnosis, medical management and medicines as published by the Council for Medical Schemes. An additional 17 conditions are covered as Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB), where the medical management and medicines are also covered from Scheme benefits. Non-CDL chronic conditions are those additional conditions that Bestmed provides chronic medicine cover for. Authorisation for CDL, PMB and non-CDL chronic medicines is subject to clinical funding guidelines and protocols, formularies and Designated Service Providers (DSPs) where applicable. Approved CDL and PMB chronic medicines are covered without an annual financial limit while non-CDL chronic medicines are subject to an annual financial limit. Below is the list of CDL, PMB and non-CDL conditions that Bestmed covers on the various benefit options.

	BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT4	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4	RHYTHM1 & 2
Number of non-CDL conditions	0	0	5	9	7	20	20	29	0
Reimbursement for CDL & PMB	100% of Scheme tariff								
Reimbursement for non-CDL	N/A	N/A	80%	90%	90%	90%	90%	100%	N/A
Non-formulary co-payment for CDL and PMB conditions	30%	30%	30%	20%	25%	20%	15%	10%	30%
Formulary co-payment for non-CDL conditions	N/A	N/A	20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%	N/A
Non-formulary co-payment for non-CDL conditions	N/A	N/A	30%	20%	25%	20%	15%	10%	N/A

		BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT4	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4	RHYTHM1 & 2
CDL										
CDL 1	Addison disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 2	Asthma	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 3	Bipolar disorder	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 4	Bronchiectasis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 5	Cardiac failure	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 6	Cardiomyopathy	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 7	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 8	Chronic renal disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 9	Coronary artery disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 10	Crohn disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 11	Diabetes insipidus	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 12	Diabetes mellitus type 1	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 13	Diabetes mellitus type 2	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 14	Dysrhythmias	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 15	Epilepsy	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 16	Glaucoma	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 17	Haemophilia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 18	HIV/AIDS	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 19	Hyperlipidaemia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 20	Hypertension	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 21	Hypothyroidism	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 22	Multiple sclerosis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 23	Parkinson disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 24	Rheumatoid arthritis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 25	Schizophrenia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 26	Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
CDL 27	Ulcerative colitis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NON-CDL										
non-CDL 1	Acne - severe			√	√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 2	Allergic rhinitis			√	√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 3	Alzheimer disease						√	√	√	
non-CDL 4	Ankylosing spondylitis						√	√	√	
non-CDL 5	Attention deficit disorder / Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD)			√	√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 6	Autism						√	√	√	
non-CDL 7	Blepharospasm								√	
non-CDL 8	Collagen diseases						√	√	√	
non-CDL 9	Dermatomyositis						√	√	√	
non-CDL 10	Dystonia								√	
non-CDL 11	Eczema			√	√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 12	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)				√		√	√	√	
non-CDL 13	Gout prophylaxis				√	√	√	√	√	

		BEAT1	BEAT2	BEAT3	BEAT4	PACE1	PACE2	PACE3	PACE4	RHYTHM1 & 2
non-CDL 14	Hypopituitarism								√	
non-CDL 15	Major depression*				√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 16	Migraine prophylaxis			√	√	√	√	√	√	
non-CDL 17	Motor neuron disease								√	
non-CDL 18	Neuropathy						√	√	√	
non-CDL 19	Obsessive-compulsive disorder				√		√	√	√	
non-CDL 20	Osteoarthritis						√	√	√	
non-CDL 21	Osteoporosis						√	√	√	
non-CDL 22	Paget disease of the bone						√	√	√	
non-CDL 23	Polyarteritis nodosa								√	
non-CDL 24	Psoriatic arthritis								√	
non-CDL 25	Psoriasis						√	√	√	
non-CDL 26	Urinary incontinence						√	√	√	
non-CDL 27	Scleroderma								√	
non-CDL 28	Sjögren's disease								√	
non-CDL 29	Trigeminal neuralgia								√	

* Approved medicine claims will continue to be paid from Scheme risk once the non-CDL limit is depleted.

PMB										
PMB 1	Aplastic anaemia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 2	Benign prostatic hyperplasia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 3	Cerebral palsy	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 4	Chronic anaemia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 5	COVID-19	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 6	Cushing disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 7	Endometriosis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 8	Female menopause	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 9	Fibrosing alveolitis	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 10	Graves disease	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 11	Hyperthyroidism	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 12	Hypophyseal adenoma	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 13	Idiopathic trombocytopenic purpura	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 14	Paraplegia / quadriplegia	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 15	Polycystic ovarian syndrome	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 16	Pulmonary embolism	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PMB 17	Stroke	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

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