



WHO Global Outbreak Benefit

Out of hospital cover

The WHO Global Outbreak Benefit is available to all members of Retail Medical Scheme during a declared outbreak period. The benefit covers you for the COVID-19 vaccine as well as a defined basket of care for out-of-hospital healthcare services related to COVID-19.

As part of the basket of care, you are covered for:

- COVID-19 vaccine and the administration of the vaccine
- Screening consultations with a network GP (either virtual consultations, telephone or face-to-face)
- COVID-19 PCR and Rapid Antigen screening tests if referred by your doctor, or if referred by a network GP following completion of a risk assessment
- A defined basket of pathology tests for COVID-19 positive members
- A defined basket of x-rays and scans for COVID-19 positive members
- Supportive treatment, including medicine and a home monitoring device to track oxygen saturation levels for at risk members who meet the clinical entry criteria.

This benefit is available on the Essential and Essential Plus Options and is covered by the Scheme as a Prescribed Minimum Benefit (PMB) without using your day-to-day benefits, where applicable.

Cover is subject to the Scheme's preferred providers (where applicable), protocols and the treatment meeting the Scheme's entry criteria and guidelines. Any recommended treatment and healthcare services that are not included in the basket of care, may be covered according to the benefits available on your benefit option in line with Scheme Rules and clinical guidelines, or in accordance with Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMBs), where applicable.

In-hospital treatment

In-hospital treatment related to COVID-19 for approved admissions is covered from the Hospital Benefit in accordance with Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB) and the use of the services of providers in the Scheme's PMB Networks, where applicable.

Cover for COVID-19 vaccine

The WHO Global Outbreak Benefit is available during a declared outbreak period. The benefit provides cover for the COVID-19 vaccine as well as a defined basket of care for out-of-hospital healthcare services, related to the outbreak disease.

The COVID-19 vaccine and administration of the vaccine are covered as Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB) without using your day-to-day benefits.

All members who are 18 years and older will be covered for the vaccine, in accordance with the prioritisation framework and the three-phase roll-out plan as established for South Africa by the Ministerial Advisory Committee and National Department of Health.

Getting vaccinated

You will be required to register on the National Department of Health's Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS), and get vaccinated at one of the accredited vaccination sites. The list of accredited facilities will be published by the National Department of Health.

You can find out more about the COVID-19 vaccines by reading the Frequently Asked Questions (and answers) when you visit the [COVID-19 hub](https://www.discovery.co.za/COVID-19-hub) on www.discovery.co.za.