

# Suremed Health Newsletter

#### **Dear Suremed Health Member**

As 2024 draws to a close, we would like to take this moment to thank you for being a valued member of Suremed. This past year has brought both challenges and advancements in healthcare, and we are proud to have been by your side, ensuring you and your family receive the best possible care. Your health remains our top priority, and we are continuously working to adapt our services to meet your needs in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

#### **IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATION CHANGE FOR 2025**

As previously communicated, we have moved the administration of Suremed Explorer day-to-day benefits from Kaelo Primecure to Momentum TYB, effective from 1 May 2024. This transition is aimed at enhancing our administration processes and ensuring a smoother experience for you, our valued members. All updated contact details, service platforms, and websites can now be accessed via the Suremed website. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. For more information on these changes, visit our website at www.suremedhealth.co.za or contact our customer care team for any queries at info@suremedhealth.co.za.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to announce enhancements to your benefits that reflect our ongoing commitment to comprehensive and affordable healthcare. While we understand that healthcare costs continue to rise, our goal is to ensure that Suremed remains both a trusted partner in health and a provider of competitive, valuable

| Explorer Contributions 2025 |                  |                 |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income Bands                | Principal Member | Adult Dependent | Child Dependent |
| R0 – R500                   | R625             | R625            | R625            |
| R500 – R8 500               | R1 545           | RI 370          | R715            |
| R8 501 -R13 000             | RI 950           | R1 725          | R870            |
| R13 001 - R17 000           | R3 095           | R3 095          | R901            |
| R17 001 plus                | R3 860           | R3 860          | RI 200          |

To achieve this balance, we have made careful adjustments to contribution rates, ensuring they remain as moderate as possible while still allowing us to expand and improve your coverage. As always, we are here to assist with any queries you may have and look forward to continuing our partnership in 2025.

## **EXPLORER BENEFIT CHANGES FOR 2025**

| Benefit Category (tariffs and co-payments as per brochure) | 2024   | 2025  |
|--|--|---|
| Hospitalisation Alternatives                               | R12 500 PMF  | R13 125 PMF   |
| Compassionate Care Benefit                                 | R20 000 PMF<br>PMB's unlimited at a DSP  | R2 I 000 PMF<br>PMB's unlimited at a DSP  |
| Specialist Services - In hospital                          | R20 000 PMF  | R21 000PMF  |
| Specialist Services  Out of hospital                       | R3 400 PB  | R3 570 PB   |
| Dentures   | I set of acrylic dentures PMF per 24-month cycle up<br>to R4 290 per family paid at 80%.   | I set of acrylic dentures PMF per 24-month cycle up to R4 505 per family paid at 80%.   |
| Acute Medication   | Over the counter medication (OTC) limited to R350 PB per year and up to R425 PMF. According to formulary to a maximum of R112 per event. | Over the counter medication (OTC) limited to R368<br>PB per year and up to R446 PMF. According to<br>formulary to a maximum of R120 per event.  |
| Acute Medication: Contraceptives                           | No benefit   | R2 340 PMF. Script limit of R180 per month.   |
| Specialised Radiology                                      | 2 Scans PMF<br>In-and-Out of hospital  | 2 Scans PMF<br>In-and-Out of hospital limited to R15 000 PMF  |
| Pathology and Medical<br>Technology                        | R21 500 PMF  | R22 575 PMF   |
| Physiotherapy in hospital                                  | R3 550 PMF   | R3 728 PMF  |
| Casualty   | I PB / 2 PMF Limited to R I 200 per event.   | I PB / 2 PMF Limited to R1 260 per event.   |
| Appliance  | R4 000 PMF   | R4 200 PMF  |
| Optical  | Unlimited at PP Network. Frames outside of the Prime<br>Cure range up to the value of R800.  | I Pair of spectacles per beneficiary per 24-month<br>period inclusive of optometric examination and pair of<br>lenses, limited to R2 500 pb. Any frames selected that<br>are more than this will be paid out of pocket. |
| Maternity: Antenatal Vitamins                              | R65 per month for 9 months payable from Acute<br>Benefit   | R120 per month for 9 months payable from Acute<br>Benefit   |

### **EXPLORER BENEFIT GUIDE 2025**

Enclosed / attached is the Explorer 2025 benefit guide for your perusal. You can also download / view a copy of the benefit guide as well as other valuable information regarding Suremed Health directly on our website at <a href="https://www.suremedhealth.co.za">www.suremedhealth.co.za</a>. Please ensure that you review the benefit guide to have a better understanding of the cover you have. If you would like to change options, please return the option change form by 30 November 2024 to <a href="mailto:membership@suremedhealth.co.za">membership@suremedhealth.co.za</a>.

Please note that as the Explorer option contributions are income based you are **required as an existing member to complete an income verification form by 30 November 2024.** All completed forms can be sent to <a href="membership@suremedhealth.co.za">membership@suremedhealth.co.za</a>

#### **Hello Doctor**



**Hello Doctor** is a unique, mobile health solution that gives people direct access to expert health advice and information from panels of registered doctors – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They use technology that is easily accessible to all – your smart phone. **Suremed Health** members have access to this service at no extra cost and we would like to encourage you to use it. **Download the App today, it's FREE to use.** All information can be found <a href="www.hellodoctor.co.za">www.hellodoctor.co.za</a>. You can also contact them at 087 230 0002 or <a href="minfo@hellodoctor.com">info@hellodoctor.com</a>

## **MEDICAL AID RATES VS. DOCTOR RATES**



Does the difference in rates between what doctors' charge and what your medical aid covers confuse you?

Are you aware that you are able to negotiate fees with all the members of the surgical team when going for an operation?

You are entitled to know what a provider is charging prior to any services being rendered to ensure that you can make an informed decision relating to your healthcare. You need to also remember that those working with your doctor might not charge medical aid rates even if your doctor does. Please ask your doctor what their assistant(s), anesthesiologist, and other service providers charge.

Please do not hesitate to contact Suremed if you require a quotation for your procedure. Our customer care team can provide you with a detailed quote of what the Scheme will cover. This will enable you to negotiate with your provider.

## **WITH THANKS**

The Board of Trustees of **Suremed Health** would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in 2024, as well as wish you a safe and enjoyable festive season.

Yours sincerely

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