



Dear Pharmacist

MedXpress network for oncology formulary items

With medicine costs rising and utilisation increasing, Discovery Health has introduced an open designated service provider network for items on the oncology preferred medicine list.

From 1 July 2018, all items on the oncology preferred medicine list (including oncology supportive items) that do not require healthcare provider assistance to administer, will be provided through MedXpress network pharmacies.

For the past three months we have included the oncology compliance to the bottom of your monthly formulary compliance report to prepare you for this change. This measures your compliance to the oncology supportive medication formulary which excludes chemotherapy.

Chemotherapy and all other medicine that requires assistance to administer, for example through reconstitution and/or infusion, will no longer be available for claiming at retail pharmacies and will be provided by approved oncology practice pharmacy partners.

Criteria for inclusion in MedXpress network

Criteria for pharmacy inclusion in the MedXpress network has been amended as follows:

1. Compliance with the chronic formulary requirements, and
2. Compliance with the oncology preferred medicine list.

Existing MedXpress network pharmacies will have a grace period of six months, i.e. until 31 December 2018, to reach the required compliance level for preferred oncology items.

Your pharmacy must comply with the following criteria for both the chronic formulary and the oncology preferred medicine list over a rolling period of six months:

Chronic formulary

- 51% PBR performance-based remuneration compliance (excluding KeyCare and Delta plans), or
- 80% substitutable PBR formulary compliance (excluding KeyCare and Delta plans), or
- 82% overall substitutable formulary compliance across all plans and all claims.

Oncology formulary

- 95% oncology compliance with the oncology preferred medicine list.

Please note:

Only pharmacies that have signed up for participation in the Discovery Health pharmacy network are eligible for participation in the MedXpress network. Participating pharmacies must also charge Discovery Health's pharmacy network rates. A minimum of 30 claims per month is required.

We will support you in reaching and maintaining compliance

- We will start reporting on your oncology volume and oncology preferred medicine list compliance in the next compliance report.
- We will highlight the oncology preferred items on your pharmacy screens for easy identification in the same way we highlight the chronic formulary items. Please arrange with your software provider if your systems do not currently have this functionality.
- We have a list of all the formulary items on our website to assist you with stock management and ordering.

You can find the list at <https://www.discovery.co.za/portal/individual/propbm-communicue>.

Pharmacies in the network are exempt from a 20% co-payment

- **Newly registered oncology patients** - From 1 July 2018, newly registered oncology patients will have a 20% co-payment on oncology medicine at pharmacies that are not in the MedXpress network.
- **Existing oncology patients** - From 1 January 2019, existing oncology patients will have a 20% co-payment on oncology medicine at pharmacies that are not in the MedXpress network. MedXpress network pharmacies will be exempt from the 20% co-payment.

We will review your network participation every four months

If we terminate your participation in the MedXpress network because of non-compliance, it will take four months before your pharmacy will have the opportunity to be reviewed for inclusion again.

During these four months, our members will have a 20% co-payment if they purchase their oncology and/or chronic medicines from your pharmacy and we will have to inform the members accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this email, please contact us on healthpartnerinfo@discovery.co.za.

Regards



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