



Dear Pharmacist

## Changes in how Discovery Health will pay medicines from the day-to-day benefit in 2014

In the past Discovery Health promoted the use of generic substitutes over original brand items to members as a cost saving mechanisms.

Medicine price fluctuations in the market where some original brand medicines prices are reduced significantly, and the fact that Discovery Health constantly negotiates favourable prices with pharmaceutical manufacturers for original brand and generic medicines, gives us the opportunity to look at ways of enhancing the cover of medicines paid from day-to-day benefits for members.

Discovery Health Medical Scheme has developed a list of *preferentially* priced medicines, called Preferred Medicine List, which includes treatment for both chronic and acute conditions that will offer members real value for money, because we cover them in full up to the Discovery Health Rate for medicines when paid from day-to-day benefits subject to available funds.

The list comprises predominantly generic medicines, however the attached list of preferentially priced original brand medicines has been added to the Preferred Medicine List for 2014. In addition, certain non-preferentially priced generic medicines have not been included on the Preferred Medicine List.

We encourage our members to consult their pharmacist on the use of preferentially priced generics that are available and are included in our Preferred Medicine List.

Kindly find these lists attached.

Regards

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## Original brand items that have been added to the Preferred Medicine List

6-digit NAPPI code	Product name	Strength	Form	Manufacturer
700172	Symbicord turbohaler 60dose 160mcg/4.5mcg		TBH	Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
705984	Symbicord 320/9mcg per inhalation 60dose		TBH	Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
825956	Logynon ed		TAB	Bayer Schering Pharma (PTY) LTD
818739	Cozaar	50mg	TAB	MSD (Pty) Ltd
710079	Cozaar	100mg	TAB	MSD (Pty) Ltd
805505	Lamictin	25mg	TAB	Glaxo Smithkline (Pty) Ltd
819034	Lamictin	200mg	TAB	Glaxo Smithkline (Pty) Ltd
805521	Lamictin	100mg	TAB	Glaxo Smithkline (Pty) Ltd
853542	Augmentin	1000mg	TAB	Glaxo Smithkline (Pty) Ltd
718477	Vativio	100mg	CAP	Novartis SA (Pty) Ltd
714582	Diagluclide mr	30mg	SRT	Biogaran SS (Pty) Ltd
713705	Cymgen	30mg	CAP	Eli Lilly (SA) (Pty) Ltd
708121	Aspavor	10mg	TAB	Pfizer Laboratories (Pty) Ltd
708122	Aspavor	20mg	TAB	Pfizer Laboratories (Pty) Ltd
710912	Aspavor	40mg	TAB	Pfizer Laboratories (Pty) Ltd
714249	Pritor	40mg	TAB	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
714250	Pritor	80mg	TAB	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
714251	Co-pritor 40/12.5 mg		TAB	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
714252	Co-pritor 80/12.5mg		TAB	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
714152	Forvent (refill)	18mcg	CPS	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
714167	Forvent handihaler complete with 30 inh capsules		KIT	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
704794	Paxil	20mg	TAB	Glaxo Smithkline (Pty) Ltd
735752	Lanoxin	0,25mg	TAB	Aspen Pharmacare (Pty) Ltd
710925	Vectoryl	8mg	TAB	Biogaran SS (Pty) Ltd

## Generic medicines that are not on the Preferred Medicine List

6-digit NAPPI code	Product name	Strength	Form	Manufacturer
705382	Mylan simvastatin	20mg	TAB	Mylan (Pty) Ltd
705077	Lipidex	20mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
705076	Lipidex	10mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
710870	Michol	40mg	TAB	Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
758280	Purgoxin	0,25mg	TAB	Aspen Pharmacare (Pty) Ltd
899066	Coxflam	7,5mg	TAB	Cipla-Medpro (Pty) Ltd
715828	Aspen atazanavir	150mg	CAP	Aspen Pharmacare (Pty) Ltd
707373	Arthrocox	7,5mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
899070	Coxflam	15mg	TAB	Cipla-Medpro (Pty) Ltd
704588	Sandoz meloxicam	7,5mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
707374	Arthrocox	15mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
705297	Melflam	15mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
704589	Sandoz meloxicam	15mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
705296	Melflam	7,5mg	TAB	Sandoz SA (Pty) Ltd
812250	Ponstel	250mg	CAP	Parke-med (div of Adcock Ingram)
710510	Cipla-perindopril	8mg	TAB	Cipla-Medpro (Pty) Ltd
717294	Bindace	8mg	TAB	Aurobindo Pharma (Pty) Ltd
717784	Perindopril unicorn	8mg	TAB	Biogaran SS (Pty) Ltd
716506	Auro perindopril	8mg	TAB	Aurobindo Pharma (Pty) Ltd
712616	Spec-perindopril	8mg	TAB	Specpharm (Pty) Ltd
705369	Topzole	40mg	ECT	Nycomed (Pty) Ltd
716513	Mylan levofloxacin	500mg	TAB	Xixia Pharmaceuticals
716514	Mylan levofloxacin	250mg	TAB	Xixia Pharmaceuticals
701520	Loxiflam	7,5mg	TAB	Aspen Pharmacare (Pty) Ltd
709846	Tavalox	500mg	TAB	Cipla-Medpro (Pty) Ltd
701522	Loxiflam	15mg	TAB	Aspen Pharmacare (Pty) Ltd
707668	Apex-meloxicam	15mg	TAB	Camox Pharmaceuticals (Pty) Ltd
718305	Glenmark meloxicam	15mg	TAB	Glenmark Pharmaceuticals SA (Pty)Ltd