

Dear Pharmacist

Join our Primary Care Drug Therapist Network

We recognise the significant role pharmacy clinics have in managing primary healthcare in South Africa. For this reason, DHMS will start providing for the reimbursement of certain services that are included in the Primary Care Drug Therapist (PCDT) permit issued by the Department of Health.

We want to extend an invitation to any willing and qualifying pharmacy clinic with a Primary Care Drug Therapist ("PCDT") pharmacist to join the PCDT Clinic Network. This will give your pharmacy access to Discovery Health Medical Scheme funding for:

- PCDT consultations.
- Prescriptions for conditions listed on the PCDT permit, with treatment following the Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List, for the stated period.
- Applicable point-of-care (POC) pathology tests, claimable by the consumer product's *NAPPI code*.

Due to the size and scope of this initiative, we will be rolling out the development in phases. To start, these services will be covered from the Medical Savings Account for Discovery Health Medical Scheme members. Thereafter, chronic benefits and referrals to pathologist laboratory services will be incorporated in a phased approach, together with the rest of the schemes we administer.

Important

- It is important that you get confirmation from your own software vendor to understand if and when your pharmacy system will be ready to claim. We need the BHF number of the PCDT pharmacist to be submitted as the *treating provider* in the claim. Without this requirement, funding will not be possible.
- It is also important that you re-register your permit, whether (pharmaco-therapist or primary care drug therapist), as well as your practice number with us before you will be able to claim the new PCDT consultation.
- Signing up your pharmacy for network participation is voluntary.

How to enrol

Pharmacies are invited to participate in the PCDT pharmacy network and need to follow a two-step process:

1. Registration of the PCDT pharmacist:

- Complete and sign a practice number registration *form* on behalf of your employed PCDT pharmacist(s) and submit it together with the documentation below:
- Copy of the PCDT permit with the name of the permit holder, valid period and associated pharmacy as issued by the Department of Health.
- Copy of the PCDT's BHF practice number certificate.
- Certified copy of ID of the permit holder (certification not older than 3 months)

2. Enrol your pharmacy on the PCDT Pharmacy Network:

- Complete and sign the PCDT pharmacy agreement (voluntarily participation).
- Send all the documents under point 1 and point 2 to provider_administration@discovery.co.za.

Once we have received the documentation and registered the PCDT pharmacist's practice number and have added the pharmacy on the PCDT Pharmacy Network, the pharmacies will appear as pharmacy offering PCDT services on our *Find a healthcare provider* tool as soon as it goes live.

PCDT consultation code and rate

- Please discuss self-payment options where members have no MSA.

Pharmacy codes	*Statement description	Service
000525-001	DIS0010PCDT-CONSULT	PCDT face-to-face consultation

- Visit pharmacy [tariffs](#) for the latest tariffs.
- It is important to submit the claim with the relevant ICD10 codes.
- **PAPER CLAIMS:** Please arrange with your software provider to print 'Statement description' on the statement. We cannot pay paper claims (where members prefer to pay cash and claim back from us) without these codes.

Requirements for participation by a pharmacy clinic in the PCDT Clinic Network

Participation of the pharmacy clinics in the PCDT Clinic Network is voluntary and open to any pharmacy clinic that meets the following requirements:

- Has at least one PCDT pharmacist with an own BHF practice number.
- Is participating in the Wellness Network at the time of applying for participation in this PCDT Clinic Network.
- Has a private consultation room within the pharmacy with appropriate clinic equipment and furniture and an easily accessible bathroom.
- Has Good Pharmacy Practice ("GPP") compliance and is registered with the South African Pharmacy Council.
- Has an electronic clinical practice management claims submission system with the ability to submit the claim using the PCDT pharmacist's own BHF practice number as the *treating provider*.
- Has appropriate referral networks in place (including pathology and general practitioners).
- Use Discovery Health's electronic patient record called Health ID to log results when it becomes available.
- Make available to Discovery Health all clinical results as and when required in an appropriate way.
- Claim structure to align with treating provider field for verification.

If you have any questions, please write to us at healthpartnerinfo@discovery.co.za.

Thank you for your commitment to working with us to make sure the members of the medical schemes we administer continue to have access to affordable medicine and quality service.

Regards



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