

**BONITAS MEDICAL FUND ARRANGEMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE BONSTART AND BONSTART PLUS OPTIONS FOR 2025**

**1. APPLICATION**

- 1.1 The arrangements set out in this annexure are applicable to the BonStart and BonStart Plus options of the Bonitas Medical Fund and is effective for treatment from 1 January 2025.

**2. AMENDMENT**

**2.1 Conditions for Participation:**

To participate in this option specific arrangement the Participating Doctor agrees to the following:

- 2.1.1 To adhere to the terms of the main Medscheme IPA Doctor Network Agreement to which this is an annexure;
- 2.1.2 To function as an appointed designated service provider (DSP) as defined in the Act for purposes of this Annexure; and
- 2.1.3 To charge for Relevant Health Services rendered in terms of the Defined Medical Benefits according to the tariffs as set out in this annexure below and not to levy any co-payments outside of this Agreement or hold the Member liable for Relevant Health Services outside of the tariffs as set out in this annexure below; except
- 2.1.3.1 in patient-initiated therapy
- 2.1.3.2 once a patient's benefits have been exhausted.
- 2.1.4 To actively participate in risk management initiatives such as disease management programmes by applying agreed best practice clinical guidelines to Members. This will be applicable to acute and chronic diseases. In addition, to support risk management initiatives such as coordination of care, beneficiary risk management and the implementation of the FP (Participating Doctor) pathology request form;
- 2.1.5 To adhere to the use of agreed formularies, i.e., medicines, pathology and radiology;
- 2.1.6 To abide to the Scheme's pre-authorisation policies for additional Family Practitioner (Participating Doctor) visits, hospitalisation, out of hospital Specialist referrals, allied health services (including physiotherapy and occupational therapy) radiology and pathology. This authorisation does not provide benefit reservation or guaranteed payment of the claim;
- 2.1.7 To abide to the Scheme's claims submission processes by providing correct ICD -10 coding;

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- 2.1.8 Submit all claims lines despite payment of a fixed fee;
- 2.1.9 To consent to having his / her practice listed in a database that is accessible to Members;
- 2.1.10 To use best endeavours to refer a Member to a Network Medical Specialist (where applicable) only once an automatic authorisation number has been obtained from Medscheme prior to the referral;
- 2.1.11 To confirm that he / she has not been found guilty of a legal transgression in his /her profession capacity nor that he / she is under investigation by the Medscheme special investigation unit; and
- 2.1.12 To agree to be subject to a peer management process where applicable. This is to be performed by a central peer management committee as utilised by the Medscheme IPA Doctor Network.

### 2.2 Reimbursement of Participating Doctors

Participating Doctors will be paid on a Global Fees basis for Relevant Health Services rendered to BonStart and BonStart Plus members. The fees will be adjusted by the Scheme on an annual basis. The Global Fees for 2025 (inclusive of VAT) are the following:

#### 2.2.1 Consultations

| Tariff code | Tariff code description                                  |
|-------------|--|
| 0190 – 0192 | Family Practitioner visit (Participating Doctor's visit) |

| Non-dispensing doctor tariff | Dispensing doctor Tariff | Authorisation  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| R482.00                      | R571.50                  | Authorisation for additional consultations will be required after the sixth visit for BonStart members.<br>Authorisation for additional consultations will be required after the tenth visit for BonStart Plus members.<br>Subject to the BonStart and BonStart Plus FP Network. |

Please note that day-to-day benefits, which include unlimited network GP consultations, will be subject to a co-payment of R125.00 on BonStart and R70.00 per consultation on BonStart Plus.

### 3 Dispensing

Please tick the applicable options:

- I am a dispensing Doctor and I will dispense medication to BonStart and BonStart Plus members
- I am a dispensing Doctor, but I will not dispense medication to BonStart and BonStart Plus
- I am a non-dispensing Doctor

### 4 PROVISOS

4.1 From time to time it may be necessary to make minor changes to the methodology in this arrangement. Unless these changes have a material effect on the outcome of this arrangement, Medscheme reserves the right to make these changes without necessarily adding an addendum to this Agreement.

4.2 The Agreement together with its annexures and this addendum to the Agreement constitute the entire agreement between the Parties on subject matter hereof. It supersedes all existing agreements, whether written or oral, on the same subject and in case of conflict with the Agreement, the provisions of this addendum will be take precedence over the Agreement.

4.3 Persons signing this addendum warrant that they are authorised to do so on behalf of the company which he/she represents.

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| .....<br>Signature for the Doctor |
| .....<br>Full names of signatory  |
| .....<br>Capacity of signatory    |
| .....<br>Place                    |
| .....<br>Date                     |