

Dear Pharmacist

HIV DSP Network for ARV formulary items

This is to inform you that from 1 January 2019, any willing provider who is able to meet qualifying criteria, will be accommodated on the HIV DSP Network. For the past year we have included the HIV ARV compliance figures in your monthly Discovery Health formulary compliance report to prepare you for this change.

To be eligible for inclusion in the HIV DSP Network, we require compliance with the HIV ARV formulary.

Process and criteria for inclusion in HIV DSP Network

- For claims received from 1 September to 31 December 2018, we will monitor and report monthly ARV compliance, against the **new 2019 HIV ARV** formulary. It is therefore pertinent that you immediately start substituting 2018 formulary items, with the new 2019 formulary items. (Please see formulary on the 2018 Q4 and the new 2019 Q1 formularies on the website by following the link: <https://www.discovery.co.za/portal/individual/propbm-communicues>)
- For inclusion in the HIV DSP Network, we require HIV ARV formulary compliance of 95%.

Please note that this change applies to Discovery Health Medical Scheme as well as the following schemes:

- Remedi Medical Aid Scheme
- Tsogo Sun Group Medical Scheme
- University of KwaZulu-Natal Medical Scheme
- Quantum Medical Aid Society
- LA Health KeyPlus Plan

We will support you in reaching and maintaining HIV ARV formulary compliance

- We will continue to report monthly on your formulary compliance and claim volumes.
- We will highlight the 2019 HIV formulary items on your pharmacy screens for easy identification in the same way we highlight the chronic illness formulary items. Please arrange with your software vendor if your systems do not currently have this functionality.
- We will list the 2019 Discovery Health 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-communicues>

HIV DSP Network pharmacies are exempt from a 20% co-payment on ARVs

While HIV DSP Network pharmacies are exempt from the 20% co-payments on ARVs, please note that:

- Non-complaint pharmacies' participation in the network will be terminated according to November 2018 compliance figures. Termination will be effective from 1 January 2019. Your 2019 compliance figures (available in February 2019) will be used to decide if your pharmacy is compliant or not and if we must terminate your participation in the network from 1 April 2019.
- Non-DSP pharmacies will continue to attract a 20% co-payment per ARV item.

How non-compliance will influence HIV members

- **Newly registered HIV members** – From 1 January 2019 newly diagnosed HIV members will have a 20% co-payment on ARVs at pharmacies that are not in the HIV DSP Network.
- **Existing HIV members** – From 1 April 2019, existing HIV members will have a 20% co-payment on ARVs at pharmacies that are not in the HIV DSP Network.

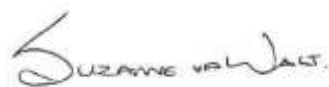
We will review your network participation every four months

If we terminate your participation in the HIV DSP 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, members will have a 20% co-payment if they get their ARVs 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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