



2021 DISCOVERY HEALTH MEDICAL SCHEME GUIDE TO CHANGING YOUR PLAN



Overview

The Discovery Health Medical Scheme, ("The Scheme") Rules allow for any plan movements at the end of each year, and certain health plan movements during the year. Moving to a lower health plan may result in an amount owing to The Scheme if you've spent more of your Medical Savings Account (MSA) than you've paid for, where applicable. Moving to a higher health plan during the year is not allowed, however, there are exceptional circumstances where these requests may be considered. You can learn more on www.discovery.co.za under Medical Aid > Manage your health plan > Change your health plan.

About some of the terms we use in this document

There may be some terms we refer to in the document that you may not be familiar with. Here are the meanings of these terms.

TERMINOLOGY	DESCRIPTION
Medical Savings Account (MSA)	Available on the Executive, Comprehensive, Priority and Saver plans The Medical Savings Account (MSA) is an amount that is allocated to you at the beginning of each year or when you join the Scheme. You pay this amount back in equal portions as part of your monthly contribution. We pay your day-to-day medical expenses such as GP and specialist consultations, acute medicine, radiology and pathology from the available funds allocated to your MSA. Any unused funds will carry over to the next year. Should you leave the Scheme or change your plan partway through the year and have used more of the funds than what you have contributed, you will need to pay the difference to us.

Plan movements allowed, not allowed and exceptions

This table shows the health plan movements allowed at any time of the year, those not allowed as well as exceptions, according to your current health plan.

HEALTH PLAN	HEALTH PLAN MOVEMENTS	HEALTH PLAN MOVEMENTS	EXCEPTIONS
	THAT ARE ALLOWED	THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED	
Executive	All plans	None	No exceptions
Classic	All plans except Executive	Executive Plan	No exceptions
Comprehensive			
Classic Delta	Essential Delta Comprehensive Classic Delta Saver	Executive Plan Classic Comprehensive	Only if you move more than 50km from any Delta Network Hospital.
Comprehensive	Essential Delta Saver Classic Smart Essential Smart Classic Delta Core Essential Delta Core	Essential Comprehensive Classic Smart Comprehensive Classic Priority Essential Priority Classic Saver Essential Saver Coastal Saver Classic Core Essential Core Coastal Core KeyCare Plus KeyCare Start KeyCare Core	Proof of residence is needed. Notify us within three months of the relocation date before we allow the change to: Classic Comprehensive Essential Comprehensive Classic Smart Comprehensive Classic Priority Essential Priority Classic Saver Essential Saver Coastal Saver Classic Core Essential Core Coastal Core KeyCare Plus KeyCare Start
Classic Smart	Classic Delta Saver	Executive Plan	KeyCare Core Only if you move more than 50km from any
Comprehensive	Essential Delta Saver Classic Smart Essential Smart Classic Delta Core	Classic Comprehensive Classic Delta Comprehensive Essential Comprehensive Essential Delta Comprehensive	Smart Network Hospital. Proof of residence is needed. Notify us within three months of the relocation date before we allow the change to:
	Essential Delta Core KeyCare Start	Classic Priority Essential Priority	Classic Comprehensive Essential Comprehensive

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	KeyCare Core	Essential Saver	Classic Smart Comprehensive
	,	Classic Saver	Classic Priority
		Coastal Saver	Essential Priority
		Classic Core	Classic Saver
		Essential Core	Essential Saver
		Coastal Core	Coastal Saver
		KeyCare Plus	Classic Core
		,	Essential Core
			Coastal Core
			KeyCare Plus
			KeyCare Start
			KeyCare Core
Essential	Essential Delta Comprehensive	Executive	No exceptions
Essential	Essential Priority	Classic Comprehensive	
Comprehensive	Essential Saver	Classic Delta Comprehensive	
	Essential Delta Saver	Classic Smart Comprehensive	
	Coastal Saver	Classic Priority	
	Essential Smart	Classic Saver	
	Essential Core	Classic Delta Saver	
	Essential Delta Core	Classic Smart	
	Coastal Core	Classic Core	
	KeyCare Plus	Classic Delta Core	
	KeyCare Start		
	KeyCare Core		
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Essential Delta	Essential Delta Saver	Executive Plan	Only if you move more than 50km from any
	Essential Smart	Classic Comprehensive	Delta Network Hospital.
Comprehensive	Essential Delta Core	Classic Delta Comprehensive	Proof of residence is needed. Notify us
		Essential Comprehensive	within three months of the relocation date
		Classic Smart Comprehensive	before we allow the change to:
		Classic Priority	Essential Comprehensive
		Essential Priority	Essential Priority
		Classic Saver	Essential Saver
		Classic Delta Saver	Coastal Saver
		Essential Saver	Essential Core
		Coastal Saver	Coastal Core
		Classic Smart	KeyCare Plus
		Classic Core	KeyCare Start
		Classic Delta Core	KeyCare Core
		Essential Core	
		Coastal Core	
		KeyCare Plus	
		KeyCare Start	
		KeyCare Core	
Classic Priority	Essential Priority	Executive	Only if you are not planning to have a
	Essential Smart	Classic Comprehensive	procedure that requires an upfront
	KeyCare Plus	Classic Delta Comprehensive	payment:
	KeyCare Start	Essential Comprehensive	Classic Saver
	KeyCare Core	Essential Delta Comprehensive	Classic Delta Saver
		Classic Smart Comprehensive	Essential Saver
		Classic Saver	Essential Delta Saver
		Classic Delta Saver	Coastal Saver
		Essential Saver	Classic Smart
		Essential Delta Saver	Classic Core
		Coastal Saver	Classic Delta Core
		Classic Smart	Essential Core
		Classic Core	Essential Delta Core
		Classic Delta Core	Coastal Core
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		Coastal Saver Classic Smart Classic Core	KeyCare Core
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		Coastal Core KeyCare Plus	
		KeyCare Start KeyCare Core	
Coastal Saver	Classic Delta Saver Essential Delta Saver Essential Smart	Executive Classic Comprehensive Classic Delta Comprehensive	Only if you move inland from a Coastal region. Proof of residence is needed. This needs to be done within three months of
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	KeyCare Core	Classic Saver Essential Saver	Classic Core Essential Core
		Classic Smart Classic Core Essential Core	
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		Essential Delta Saver Classic Delta Saver	Classic Delta Core Coastal Core
		Classic Core Essential Core Coastal Core	Essential Core Essential Delta Core KeyCare Plus
Essential Smart	KeyCare Start	KeyCare Plus Executive Plan	Only if you move more than 50km from any
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KeyCare Start	No plans	All plans	Only if you move more than 50km from your nearest KeyCare Start network hospital. Proof of residence is needed. Notify us within three months of the relocation date before we allow the change to: Essential Smart Essential Smart Essential Delta Core Coastal Core KeyCare Core KeyCare Plus



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Contact us

Tel (members): 0860 99 88 77, Tel (health partners): 0860 44 55 66 Go to www.discovery.co.za to Get Help or ask a question on WhatsApp. Save this number 0860 756 756 on your phone and say "Hi" to start chatting with us 24/7. PO Box 784262, Sandton, 2146. 1 Discovery Place, Sandton, 2196.

Complaints process

Discovery Health Medical Scheme is committed to providing you with the highest standard of service and your feedback is important to us. The following channels are available for your complaints and we encourage you to follow the process:

1 STEP 1 – TO TAKE YOUR QUERY FURTHER:

If you have already contacted the Discovery Health Medical Scheme and feel that your query has still not been resolved, please complete our online complaints form on www.discovery.co.za. We would also love to hear from you if we have exceeded your expectations.

2 STEP 2 – TO CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER:

If you are still not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint after following the process in Step 1 you are able to escalate your complaint to the Principal Officer of the Discovery Health Medical Scheme. You may lodge a query or complaint with Discovery Health Medical Scheme by completing the online form on www.discovery.co.za or by emailing principalofficer@discovery.co.za.

3 STEP 3 – TO LODGE A DISPUTE:

If you have received a final decision from Discovery Health Medical Scheme and want to challenge it, you may lodge a formal dispute. You can find more information of the Scheme's dispute process on the website.

4 STEP 4 – TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES:

Discovery Health Medical Scheme is regulated by the Council for Medical Schemes. You may contact the Council at any stage of the complaints process, but we encourage you to first follow the steps above to resolve your complaint before contacting the Council. Contact details for the Council for Medical Schemes: Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion 0157 | complaints@medicalschemes.co.za 0861 123 267 | www.medicalschemes.co.za