

Why Flexicare?

Employees aspire to have access to good quality healthcare. However, medical scheme membership remains unaffordable for many individuals. Access to affordable private healthcare is, therefore, highly valued by employees and substantially contributes to maintaining a healthy workforce while positively impacting productivity and overall wellbeing.

With more than 25 years' experience, Discovery Health is a trusted healthcare partner in the South African and international healthcare environments. Over this time, we have developed industry-leading expertise in high-quality, affordable healthcare solutions. Our extensive healthcare provider networks include doctors (GPs), pharmacies, dentists and optometrists across the country, supported by cutting-edge, real-time payment models with seamless claims processing.

Flexicare is offered by Auto and General and administered by Discovery Health.

It was introduced to provide quality, affordable access to primary healthcare for employees who are unable to access medical scheme benefits.

Flexicare leverages the combined expertise of Discovery Health and Auto and General to provide a truly innovative, integrated healthcare product to complement the existing healthcare solutions available to employees.

Flexicare offers your employees access to essential day-to-day benefits through high-quality, private healthcare providers in the Discovery Health network.

Based on affordability and the healthcare needs of your employees, you are also able to increase the level of emergency cover offered through the optional Trauma benefits.

Everyone deserves access to quality healthcare

Flexicare gives your employees access to affordable private healthcare and a world-class suite of digital tools to help manage their membership and access benefits on the go. Experience the peace of mind and certainty that comes with being in control of your employees health and wellbeing.

	FLEXICARE BENEFITS	FLEXICARE PLUS BENEFITS
Unlimited GP consultations	Available with Nurse referral	✓
Unlimited nurse consultations	✓	
Dentistry		✓
X-rays	✓	✓
Flu vaccine	✓	✓
Eye care		✓
Medicine	✓	✓
Health Check	✓	✓
Maternity benefit	✓	✓
Procedures in GP's rooms	✓	✓
Blood tests	✓	✓
Private ambulance services	✓	✓
HIV care	✓	✓
OPTIONAL ADD-ONS		
Trauma Benefit	\checkmark	\checkmark
Funeral Cover	\checkmark	\checkmark
Vitality	✓	

Benefits on Flexicare

PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

GP consultations and services	Flexicare	Flexicare Plus	
Doctor consultations	Only when referred by a nurse on the network. Unlimited cover for network doctor (GP) consultations at 100% of the Agreed Rate. You can substitute your network doctor visit with a virtual consultation, meaning doctor visits can either be face-to-face or virtual. Risk management protocols apply. Ability to change an allocated network doctor twice per year	Unlimited cover for network doctor (GP) consultations at 100% of the Agreed Rate. You can substitute your network doctor visit with a virtual consultation, meaning doctor visits can either be face-to-face or virtual. Risk management protocols apply Ability to change an allocated network doctor twice per year	
Nurse consultations	Unlimited cover for network nurse consultations at 100% of the Agreed Rate. You can substitute your nurse visit with a virtual consultation, meaning nurse visits can either be face-to-face or virtual.	No cover	
Dentistry	No cover	Full mouth examination, preventive treatments, cleaning, scaling, polishing, restorations and composite fillings, treatment of pain and sepsis, infection control and extractions at a network dentist	
Optometry (eye care)	No cover	Cover for one eye test every year in the optometry network and one pair of glasses (no contact lenses) every 24 months	
Pathology (blood tests)	Only when referred by a network GP after a nurse consultation. 100% of the Agreed Rate. Limited to approved pathology codes. Must be requested by a network doctor (GP) and performed by a network pathologist	100% of the Agreed Rate. Limited to approved pathology codes. Must be requested by a network doctor (GP) and performed by a network pathologist	
Radiology (X-rays)	Only when referred by a network GP after a nurse consultation. 100% of the Agreed Rate for black-and-white X-rays and soft-tissue ultrasounds. Must be requested by a network doctor (GP) and performed by a network radiologist	100% of the Agreed Rate for black-and-white X-rays and soft-tissue ultrasounds. Must be requested by a network doctor (GP) and performed by a network radiologist	
Maternity benefits	Only when referred by a network GP after a nurse consultation. Unlimited network doctor visits throughout the pregnancy. Unlimited acute medicine in line with a defined medicine list prescribed or dispensed by a network doctor and collected from a network pharmacy. Essential blood and screening tests through a network pathologist when referred by a network doctor. Two ultrasound scans for each pregnancy at a network provider (first ultrasound between week 10 and 14, and the second between week 20 and 24)	Unlimited network doctor visits throughout the pregnancy. Unlimited acute medicine in line with a defined medicine list prescribed or dispensed by a network doctor and collected from a network pharmacy. Essential blood and screening tests through a network pathologist when referred by a network doctor. Two ultrasound scans for each pregnancy at a network provider (first ultrasound between week 10 and 14, and the second between week 20 and 24)	
HIV management	Access to HIV treatment, counselling and education. Cover for antiretroviral medicine, multivitamins and supportive medicine, blood tests, X-rays and post-exposure prophylaxis medicine. All HIV-related queries and cases are treated with complete confidentiality		
COVID-19 testing	Only when referred by a network GP after a nurse consult For confirmed positive COVID-19 results: Cover for one positive COVID-19 test, with access to out-of-hospital management and appropriate supportive treatment, including diagnostic testing, basic chest X-rays and prescribed medicine	For confirmed positive COVID-19 results: Cover for one positive COVID-19 test, with access to out-of-hospital management and appropriate supportive treatment, including diagnostic testing, basic chest X-rays and prescribed medicine	

Procedural treatment				
in doctor's room only		work GP's rooms when referred by a nurse. defined list of medical procedures that can be performed doctor's rooms, such as biopsies, wound care and stitching	Cover for a defined list of medical procedures that can be performed in a network doctor's rooms, such as biopsies, wound care and stitching	
	Code	Description		
	0206	Intravenous treatment, intravenous infusions, insertion of cannu	la – chargeable once every 24 hours	
	0244	Repair of nail bed		
	0255	Drainage of abscess		
	0259	Removal of foreign body		
	0300	Stitching of additional wound		
	0301	Stitching of additional wound	Stitching of additional wound	
	0307	Excision and repair		
	0308	Each additional small procedure done at the same time		
	0316	Fine-needle aspiration for soft tissue (all areas)		
	0317	Aspiration of cyst or tumour		
	0321	Biopsy or excision of cyst, benign tumour, aberrant breast tissue, duct papilloma		
	0887	Limb cast (excluding aftercare)		
	0922	Removal of foreign bodies requiring incision		
	1136	Nebulisation (in rooms)		
	1192	Peak expiratory flow only		
	1228	General practitioner's fee for taking of an ECG only (without effort:) ½ (item 1232)		
	1229	General practitioner's fee for taking of an ECG only (with or without effort:) ½ (item 1233)		
	1232	Electrocardiogram without effort		
1233 1234 1235		Electrocardiogram with or without effort		
		Effort electrocardiogram with the aid of a special bicycle ergometer, monitoring apparatus and availability of associated apparatus		
		Multi-stage treadmill test		
	1236	Electrocardiogram without effort: under 4 years old		
	1996	Bladder catheterisation: male (not at operation)		
	1997	Bladder catheterisation: female (not at operation)		

Procedural treatment				
	2133	Circumcision: clamp procedure		
	2137	Circumcision: surgical excision other than by clamp or dorsal slit, any age		
	2139	Circumcision: dorsal slit of prepuce (independent procedure)		
	3615	Routine obstetric ultrasound at 10 to 20 weeks gestational age, preferable at 10 to 14 weeks gestational age to include nuchal translucency assessment		
	3617	Routine obstetric ultrasound at 20 to 24 weeks to include detailed anatomical assessment		
Medicine				
Day-to-day medicine		y when prescribed by a network GP after a nurse consultation. Ver for medicine on our list if a network doctor prescribes it or gives it to you		
Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine			Cover for self-medication on our list, up to R110 per quarter – a maximum of R440 per member per year, at a network pharmacy	
Chronic medicine	Cover for HIV medicine on the defined medicine list at a network pharmacy		Cover for chronic medicine on the defined medicine list for 27 chronic conditions (including HIV) at a network pharmacy	
Screening and prevention				
Flu vaccine	Cover for a flu vaccine once a year from a network pharmacy			
Wellness screening		Cover for one wellness screening per year at a network pharmacy or wellness day. Screening includes blood pressure, blood glucose (blood sugar), cholesterol and body mass index (BMI). You can have an HIV test done at the same time		
Emergency benefits				
Ambulance service	Access to emergency medical services through Netcare 911 ambulance services. Transportation to an appropriate state hospital. Limited to road transportation only. You can call Netcare 911 on 0860 999 911 or the Flexicare call centre on 0860 44 47 79			

You will not need to pay for approved treatments received from a network provider. However, if you use a provider that is not a part of the network, or if an unapproved treatment is provided, you will be responsible for 100% of the costs.

Detailed benefits

Benefit name	Benefit description	Limit
Primary healthcare		
General practitioner (GP) visits (available on Flexicare when referred by a nurse)	This benefit provides access to visit a network doctor (GP), and such visits will be covered at 100% of the Agreed Rate in the following instances: You can substitute your visits to a network doctor (GP) with virtual consultations. You have cover for a defined list of medical procedures that can be done in a network doctor's rooms, such as biopsies, wound care and stitching	The number of visits to a network doctor (GP) is unlimited for each membe every year
Nurse visits (Flexicare only)	This benefit provides access to visit a network nurse, and such visits will be covered at 100% of the Agreed Rate . You can substitute your visits to a network nurse with virtual consultations	
Virtual consultations (available on Flexicare when making use of the NetClinic network)	This benefit provides access to a virtual consultation via the Discovery website. You can substitute your visit to network doctor (GP) with a virtual consultation	Unlimited visits
Medicine Acute medicine (short-term medicine) (available on Flexicare when referred	This benefit provides access to acute medication . Cover is at 100% of the Agreed Rate if the following conditions are met:	This benefit is unlimited
by a nurse to a GP)	 All acute medicine must be prescribed or dispensed by a network doctor (GP). The medication must be on the medicine list (formulary) for acute medicine and will be available without a co-payment. The acute medicine must be provided by either a dispensing network doctor (GP) or by a network pharmacy (if the prescribing doctor is part of the network but does not dispense medicine). The acute medicine will not be covered if it is prescribed by a non-network doctor (GP) or if it is obtained from a non-network pharmacy 	
Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine	OTC medicine may only be obtained at a network pharmacy and on advice of the pharmacist. OTC medicine must be on the medicine list (formulary).	Flexicare: The OTC medicine benefit is limited to R150 per policy per year, up to R75 bi-annual limit. Flexicare Plus: The OTC medicine benefit is limited to R110 every quarter, up to a maximum of R440 for each member every year

Benefit name	Benefit description	Limit
Flu vaccine	Members have cover for one flu vaccination every year	This benefit is limited to one flu vaccination
Chronic medicine (long-term medicine) (Flexicare Plus only)	Chronic medicine will be covered in full (100% of Agreed Rate) if the prescribed medicine is on the medicine list (formulary) for chronic medicine. You can get your chronic medicine at a network pharmacy	Chronic medicine is available for the following conditions: Addison's disease Dysrhythmias Epilepsy Bipolar mood disorder Bronchiectasis Cardiac failure HIV (see details in section below) Chronic renal disease COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) Coronary artery disease Crohn's disease Crohn's disease Diabetes insipidus Diabetes mellitus type 1 Diabetes mellitus type 2 Dysrhythmias Hypstry Glaucoma Haemophilia HIV (see details in section below) Hyperlipidaemia (high cholesterol) Hypertension (high blood pressure) Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroing the pulmonary disease) Parkinson's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Schizophrenia Systemic lupus erythematosus Ulcerative colitis
HIV cover (Flexicare and Flexicare Plus)	HIV medicine will be covered in full (100% of Agreed Rate) if the prescribed medicine is on the medicine list (formulary) for chronic medicine. You can get your HIV medicine at a network pharmacy	
HIV care		
HIV Programme	The HIV Programme is designed to optimise the health and wellbeing of HIV-positive patients. The HIV Management Programme includes: Voluntary counselling and testing Antiretroviral therapy, prophylactic antibiotics and supplements Treatment support and guidance Pathology and monitoring (including CD4, viral load, liver enzymes, cholesterol, glucose, urine tests), according to protocols Emergency post-exposure medicine is provided if the accidental exposure is brought to the attention of the network doctor (GP) within 72 hours	Unlimited HIV medicine is covered from the date of registration of your chronic medicine by your network doctor (GP) or allocated doctor (GP)



Dentistry (Flexicare Plus only)	The benefit is only covered when making use of a network dentist .	
	Consultations	A single consultation for a full mouth examination for each member every year
	Preventive treatments include cleaning, scaling, polishing	Limited to one for each member every year
	Restorations and composite fillings	Preauthorisation is required for four or more restorations (repairs to teeth), or five or more composite fillings per family every year

Benefit name	Benefit description	Limit
	Extractions	For a single tooth extraction, a maximum of 1 per quadrant per 365 days. Extraction of each additional tooth in the same quadrant: 1 per member per 365 days.
	Oral radiography	Maximum number of 7 per year, according to dental protocol.
	Additional dentistry benefits	 Diagnosis and treatment of pain and sepsis Infection control Oral hygiene advice on how to keep the mouth and teeth clean to prevent dental problems Local anaesthetic
Optometry		
Optometry (Flexicare Plus only)	Eye examinations: The Optometry Benefit is subject to availability at a network optometrist only.	Eye examinations are limited to one for each member every year and includes a visual evaluation, screening and a diagnosis.
	Spectacles and lenses: The Optometry Benefit is subject to availability at a network optometrist only.	Spectacles and lenses will be limited to one pair for each member in a 24-month period . The benefit includes standard, high-quality clear plastic lenses single-vision lenses and bi-focal lenses. Qualifying norms will apply.
	Frames: The Optometry Benefit is subject to availability at a network optometrist only.	Frames will be limited to a single frame for each member in a 24-month period. You have full cover for approved frames at a provider in the network. If you choose a frame that is not part of the approved selection, you will have to pay the extra cost.
Radiology		
Radiology	The Radiology Benefit provides access to black-and-white X-rays and soft-tissue ultrasounds according to a list of the approved codes and are paid at 100% of the Agreed Rate . A network doctor (GP) must request the radiology tests and you have to take the radiology request form to the radiologist.	This benefit is unlimited .
Pathology		
Pathology	Pathology tests are limited to the list of approved pathology codes and are paid at 100% of the Agreed Rate. The tests must be requested by a network doctor (GP) and the tests must be done by a pathology laboratory in the network – Ampath, Lancet, Pathcare. You have to take the pathology request form to the pathology lab.	This benefit is unlimited.

Trauma Benefit

Optional Trauma Benefit, offered by Discovery Insure



TRAUMA EVENT COVER

To provide access to emergency private healthcare services for a broad range of traumatic events at any private hospital, you can enhance cover for your employees and their dependants through the Trauma Benefit.

Employees are covered for medical treatment relating to these events up to a defined limit. You can choose a limit of either R400,000 or R1 million per admission.

There are no hospital network restrictions and in the case of a traumatic event, emergency services will determine the most clinically appropriate course of action.

Following the event, Discovery will reach out to your employee and their family and offer two counselling sessions, either face-to-face or telephonically, with a trained trauma or support counsellor.



MEDICAL EVACUATION

If your employees experience a traumatic event, they have cover for medical evacuation services to the most clinically appropriate hospital facility.



STABILISATION AND TREATMENT WHEN ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Your employees also have cover for in-patient hospital stabilisation and treatment. Depending on the option you choose, they are covered up to R400,000 or R1 million per admission for hospital and related accounts.

If treatment costs more, the employee will need to pay for amounts over their limit. If the hospital and related accounts reach the Trauma Benefit cover limit, your employees will be transferred to a state facility or discharged if stabilised.

WE COVER TREATMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING TRAUMA CONDITIONS

- Burns
- Head injuries, chest injuries or severe fractures
- Loss of an arm, hand, leg or foot

- Near-drowning
- Poisoning or a serious allergic reaction that may cause death
- a car accident or an injury at work

Funeral cover

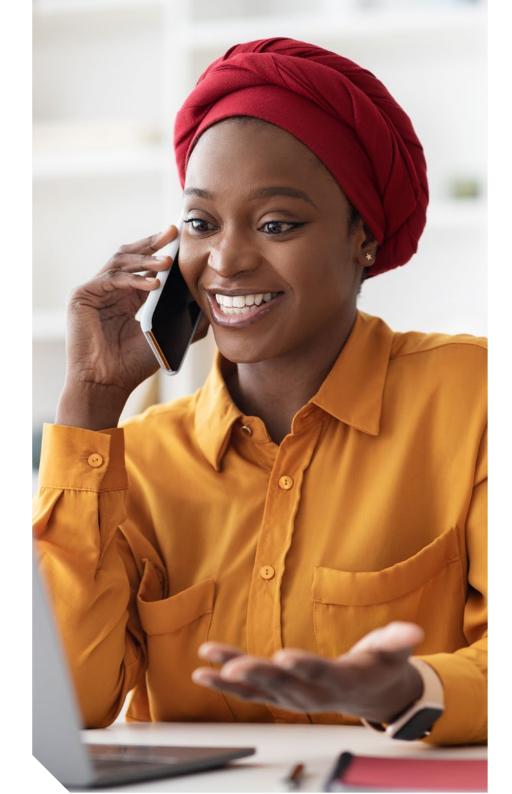
OPTIONAL FUNERAL BENEFIT OFFERED BY DISCOVERY GROUP RISK (UNDERWRITTEN BY DISCOVERY LIFE)

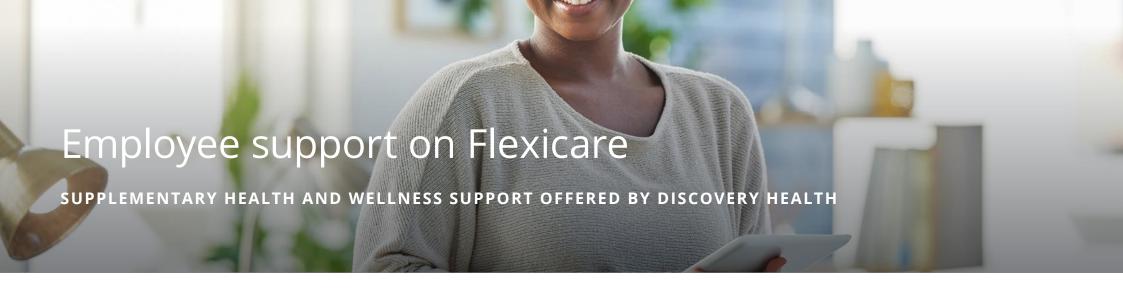
Discovery Life provides your employees with funeral cover. This funeral cover provides up to R5,000 for the employee, up to three spouses, and five children younger than 21 years.

We only cover employees and dependants who are younger than 65 years. The dependants must be active on Flexicare.

Family funeral benefit amount	
Main member	R5,000
Spouse aged from 16 to below 65	R5,000
Child aged 15 to below 21	R5,000
Child aged 6 to below 15	R2,500
Child aged 0 to child aged below 6	R1,500
Stillborn (death of foetus after 26 weeks)	R620

^{*} Child dependants over the age of 21 do not have access to funeral cover unless they are a full-time student under the age of 24 or incapacitated and unable to maintain themselves due to a disability. Benefit terms and conditions apply.







DISCOVERY WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

When an employer chooses to provide Flexicare to their employees, these employees have access to the Discovery Wellness Experience, which provides a holistic set of wellness screenings, including BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and HIV testing. The Discovery Wellness Experience also includes a lifestyle and wellness assessment, followed by a one-on-one session with a wellness specialist.

Employers need to have a minimum of 30 employees per employer site for a Discovery Wellness Experience, which is available once a year. Visit www.discovery.co.za to book a Wellness Experience.



EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

Flexicare members who belong to either compulsory employers or voluntary employers with over 250 employees have access to benefits offered through Healthy Company, Discovery's employee assistance programme and wellness solution.

FINANCIAL WELLBEING

- Debt counselling
- Credit reports
- Budget settlement plans
- Insurance reviews

LEGAL SUPPORT

- Legal advice
- Tailored document drafting (last will and testament, property sale and lease, nuptial contracts, title deeds, etc)
- Attorney consultations

VITALITY

Your employees have access to Discovery Vitality, the world's leading science-based behaviour-change programme that reduces the cost of healthy living, encourages members to make healthy choices and rewards them for doing it.

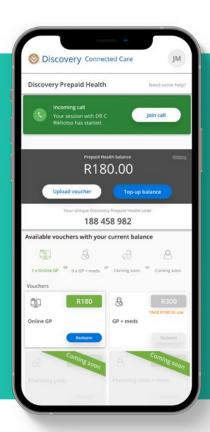
Employee support on Flexicare

SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORT

DISCOVERY PREPAID HEALTH

Discovery Health has used its healthcare funding expertise and digital capabilities to create Discovery Prepaid Health, a unique product that provides access to primary healthcare on a prepaid basis that is below the current pay-as-you-go rates.

Discovery Prepaid Health is a simple and intuitive digital vouchering solution for purchasing and sharing a variety of accessible healthcare services at a significantly discounted rate, supported by a wide distribution network and a free-to-use digital platform. By using the latest digital technology, Discovery Health is able to ensure simplified and minimised associated mobile data costs.



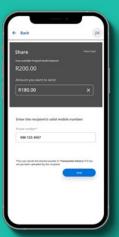
Flexicare members who belong to either compulsory employers or voluntary employers with over 250 employees will receive a R180 Prepaid Health youcher.

Discovery Prepaid Health offers your employees simple and seamless functionality to access private healthcare remotely for themselves, their friends or family.

Cover includes a virtual consultation with a private healthcare provider on the Discovery Prepaid platform.



Use the voucher for a virtual consultation with a private healthcare provider available on the app.



Share the prepaid health voucher with a friend or family member that needs access to healthcare.

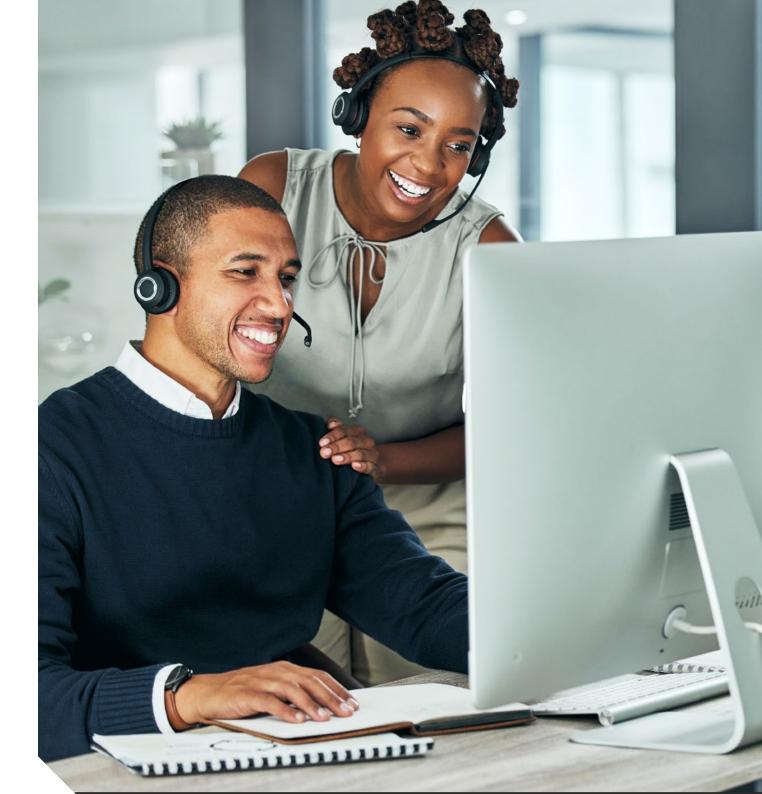
Underwriting

WAITING PERIOD

A waiting period means that your employees or their dependants cannot claim for the associated healthcare services during the waiting period. Unless otherwise approved, a waiting period will apply.

General waiting period

Any dependant, who joins 60 days post the main member, will incur a three-month general waiting period. Newborn children can be added onto an existing policy within 90 days of birth, free of underwriting.





Important information

EXTENDING COVER TO DEPENDANTS

- Newborns can join without waiting periods if you add them to an employee's policy within 90 days of birth.
- Any dependant who joins 60 days after the main member will have a three-month general waiting period. This will apply in all instances, unless the two-month waiting period concession for a new employer exists or if a specific window period applies for the employer. Premiums for newborn babies will be collected from the month following their birth.
- If your employees or their dependants have a break of more than 30 days in their membership, all waiting periods will be applied when reapplying for cover.
- There is no limit to the number of children that will be allowed on the policy. Each child will be charged for separately and can stay on Flexicare if they depend on the main member financially. Child dependants who turn 21 will be charged the adult dependant premium rates from the month after their 21st birthday.

ELIGIBILITY

Your employees and their dependants cannot be members of a medical scheme administered by Discovery Health and have the Flexicare product at the same time.

Contact us

COMPLAINTS

Email: flexicareescalations@discovery.co.za

If you still have concerns, you can contact Discovery's Group Compliance at the address below.

Email: compliance@discovery.co.za

HIV

HIV_Queries_Flexicare@discovery.co.za

HOSPITAL PREAUTHORISATION

Telephone: 0860 44 47 79

USSD SERVICES

Employees can use our USSD service to confirm your policy number, find their allocated GP, or get benefit information.

To access this service, dial:

*120*DISCO# or *120*34726#

Note: Employees must access the USSD menu using the same cellphone number we have on record for you.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

If your employees have the Trauma Benefit activated, they can call the Flexicare call centre on 0860 44 47 79. If they call after hours, we will divert the call to our Trauma Benefit partner, Netcare 911.

FINDING A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

To find out which providers are part of the Flexicare network, contact our Flexicare call centre on 0860 44 47 79. Employees can also use the **Find a healthcare provider** tool on the Discovery website at www.discovery.co.za to locate healthcare providers in our networks.

WEBSITE SUPPORT

For all internet-related questions, such as registration problems, security issues, compatibility issues, login problems, a forgotten password and trouble with navigating the site, call 0860 10 06 96. This contact number is available weekdays only, from 07:00 to 18:00.



WHATSAPP

Add us on 0860 44 47 79 and get in touch whenever you need information or have questions about Flexicare.



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Flexicare is not a medical scheme. The cover is not the same as that of a medical scheme and is not intended to be a substitute for medical scheme membership. Flexicare and Auto & General Accident Cover is administered by Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd, registration number 1997/013480/07 an authorised financial services provider and underwritten by Auto & General Insurance Company Limited, registration number 1973/016880/06, a licensed non-life insurer and financial services provider. Terms, conditions and limits apply.

Discovery Vitality (Proprietary) Limited, registration number: 1999/007736/07. Terms, conditions and limits apply.

The Trauma Benefit is a non-life insurance policy, underwritten by Discovery Insure Ltd, registration number 2009/011882/06, a licensed non-life insurer and an authorised financial services provider. Flexicare is a separate non-life insurance policy and is not conditional on the purchase of a Trauma Benefit policy.

The Funeral Benefit is a life insurance policy, underwritten by Discovery Life Limited. Registration number 1966/003901/06, a licensed life insurer and an authorised financial services and registered credit provider, NCR registration number NCRCP3555. Flexicare is a separate non-life insurance policy and is not conditional on the purchase of a Funeral Benefit policy.