

Dear Pharmacist

## Please join our Diabetes Clinic Network

Education is a very important component for members living with diabetes to successfully manage their condition and to prevent disease progression and development of co-morbidities.

While most of the schemes we administer participate in this initiative and will be ready to fund diabetes education from the Risk benefit from 1 January 2023, 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 want to extend an invitation to any willing, qualifying pharmacy clinic to join the Diabetes Clinic Network, which will give you access to funding for diabetes care and pathology procedures subject to benefit limits.

### Services this Diabetes Clinic Network will offer

The services are for members who have been registered on the Chronic Illness Benefit for type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus from most schemes administered by Discovery Health.

Diabetes educators at the pharmacy clinic can give the following services to these members:

- Two yearly diabetes education consultations
- One yearly foot screening. Only diabetes educators that have fully completed their practice experience may provide this service.

### Service codes and rates table

- All results obtained in the pharmacy (including pathology) need to be made available to the treating doctor and to Discovery Health on Health ID 2.0.

Pharmacy codes	Statement description services	Service	Tariff code	2023 Rate (VAT incl.)
067002-001	DISCDEDU1-DIA-EDUCATION	Diabetes education session from a diabetes nurse educator who has completed both the diabetes course and the required practical experience.	DEDU1	R597.90
067003-001	DISCDEDUT-DIA-EDUCATION	Diabetes education session from diabetes nurse educator who have completed the diabetes course and are busy with the practical training in the pharmacy clinic.	DEDUT	R478.20
067004-001	DISCDFSC1-DIA-FOOT	Diabetes foot screening	DFSC1	R100.50

### Point of care (POC) pathology codes and rates table

- Pathology codes are only payable when the tests are *requested and referred by the treating doctor* and indicated on the claim.
- The below codes are for monitoring purposes. Discovery Health will make available a laboratory pathology referral form for use by pharmacy clinics

Pharmacy codes	Statement description services	Service	Tariff code	2023 Rate (VAT incl.)
007370-021	DISC4064-HBA1C	HbA1C	4064	R172.90
000817-001	DISC4032-CREATI- SERUM	Serum creatinine	4032	R43.80

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Pharmacy codes	Statement description services	Service	Tariff code	2023 Rate (VAT incl.)
005350-021	DISC4147-TRIGLYCERIDE	Triglyceride	4147	R96.30
001310-021	DISC4027-TOT-CHOLESTEROL	Cholesterol total	4027	R64.70
004340-021	DISC4028-HDL-CHOLESTEROL	HDL cholesterol	4028	R83.70
No NAPPI	NA	LDL cholesterol (Payment only for chemical determination by pathology laboratory)	No Code	R0.00
000777-001	DISC4171-U&E	U&E:-Sodium+-potassium+-chloride+-CO2+-urea	4171	R192.10
008380-021	DISC4188-DIPSTICK-URINE	Urine-dipstick,-per-stick-(irrespective-of-the-number-of-tests-on-stick)	4188	R18.20
000917-001	DISC4221-CREATI-URINE	Urine-creatinine	4221	R43.80
067001-001	DISC4223-CREAT-CLEARANCE	Creatinine-clearance	4223	R92.80
008896-654	DISC4261-ALB-QUANTI-MICRO	Micro-Albumin:-Quantitative	4261	R150.70
009996-654	DISC4262-ALB-QUALI-MICRO	Micro-Albumin:-Qualitative	4262	R54.60

Please note: Point of care devices need to be approved by Discovery Health to ensure accuracy.

### Requirements for participation by a pharmacy clinic in the Diabetes Clinic Network

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

- Has at least one diabetes educator with own BHF practice number,
- Is participating in the Wellness Network at the time of applying for participation in this Diabetes 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 diabetes educator's own BHF practice number as the *treating provider*.
- Has the ability to send results and reports to the treating doctor and Discovery Health.
- Has appropriate referral networks in place (including pathology and general practitioners).
- Ensures that the Diabetes Educators are clearly and visibly indicated in the pharmacy and the clinic.

If you want your pharmacy to join the Diabetes Clinic Network, you must:

1. Apply for a BHF practice number for your registered nurse.
2. Ensure the nurse enrolls and completes an accredited diabetes course. (See the handbook for details)
3. Confirm with your software vendor that your pharmacy claim system is able to submit the diabetes educator's BHF number as the *'treating provider'* in the diabetes claim line. Where this is not available, the pharmacy will not be able to claim the diabetes service.
4. Complete the attached agreement and submit together with the diabetes educator's course certificate to us at [Provider\\_Administration@discovery.co.za](mailto:Provider_Administration@discovery.co.za).
5. Submit the diabetes educator's activity log and mentor form when the diabetes educator's practical experience is completed.

If you have any questions, please write to us at [healthpartnerinfo@discovery.co.za](mailto: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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