

Dear Healthcare Professional

## Discovery Health Premier Plus HIV GP Network

HIV continues to pose serious health threats for our members. When HIV programmes are expanded rapidly without ensuring the quality of programme services, it introduces the risk that the effectiveness of the programmes could be undermined. Programmes that are ineffective end up being a waste of precious resources and even contribute to negative health outcomes, such as the emergence of drug-resistant strains of HIV. Assuring the quality of prevention, diagnostic and treatment programmes is essential as demand and use increases.

To achieve prevention, testing and treatment targets, we need a robust health system that is able to engage and retain people along the entire continuum of HIV prevention and care services. It must ensure that people are:

- Tested, and receive and understand their HIV diagnosis
- Referred to appropriate HIV prevention services or enrolled in care
- Initiated early on antiretroviral therapy if diagnosed as HIV positive
- Kept on effective treatment to achieve sustained viral suppression
- Moved to alternative antiretroviral regimens if treatment fails.

The Premier Plus Network for HIV is a subnetwork within the Premier Plus Network to ensure that members are provided with clinically appropriate and evidence-based HIV care in a quality network that ensures the best care and best health outcomes. The programmes should bring about a positive change in patients' knowledge of their conditions, the ability to monitor their health, and improve treatment compliance.

### **Participating GPs benefit from enhanced remuneration**

Participating in the Premier Plus GP Network will allow you to enhance your income in the following ways:

- Once a year your patients registered on the HIV Premier Plus Programme, may qualify for an extended consultation.
- You will earn a patient management fee of R25 a month for each patient enrolled on any one or more of the HIV, diabetes or heart programmes.
  - The patient management fee will continue to be paid to you subject to follow-up consultation with the member over a rolling 12-month period. Where a follow-up consultation has not occurred, the management fee will be discontinued.
- You will earn an additional R50 for every HealthID-engaged consultation with Discovery

### **Participation in the Premier Plus HIV GP Network is voluntary and the following criteria will apply:**

- Your practice must participate in the Discovery Health GP Network
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- Your practice must be HealthID-enabled
- You will have to continue participating in the existing Discovery Health GP Network peer- mentoring programme to help maintain the highest quality and efficient standards of care.

The initial outcomes of previous programmes of this kind are encouraging and evidence of the power of coordinated care in the management of chronic conditions.

We look forward to partnering with you to develop a better healthcare system in South Africa. These network care coordination programmes are highly adjustable for differing needs and a step towards a system that embraces the vision of quality coordinated care.

Regards



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## Terms and Conditions

I \_\_\_\_\_ Practice Number \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree to comply with the following participation criteria in order to participate in the Premier Plus GP Network:

1. Your practice need to be on the Discovery GP network including the Premier Plus GP Network
2. Follow the facility accreditation process, unless the process has already been completed by the billing practice
3. Maintain acceptable clinical and ethical standards in accordance with the Health Professions Council of South Africa's code of conduct
4. Participate in the peer-mentoring and management process, and provide the necessary practice information
5. Use HealthID to capture relevant clinical metrics during a consultation with the participating member:
6. Do my best to act in the best interests of the patient, to:
  - a. Comply with the Discovery Health Chronic Illness Benefit formulary
  - b. Encourage the use of generic medicine wherever clinically appropriate
  - c. Support members in engaging in an appropriate screening and prevention programme.
  - d. Refer patients to specialists using the referral tool available in HealthID
7. By ticking the **I agree to terms and conditions** box on HealthID, I confirm my agreement to participate in the Premier Plus GP Network.

Discovery Health reserves the right to review compliance with the above participation criteria annually using the quality scorecard and claims history to address participation in the Premier Plus HIV GP Network going forward.

Either party can cancel their participation in this agreement by providing 30 days' written notice to the other party.

Signature: