

Friday, 21 May 2021

Dear Valued EEB member

Subject: Everything you need to know about Phase 2 of the National COVID-19 vaccination campaign

As you are no doubt aware Phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, known as the 'mass vaccination campaign', has commenced in South Africa on Monday, 17 May 2021.

This communication serves to provide you with the necessary background information for communication to your colleagues.

Phase 2 of the vaccination campaign prioritises high risk groups – including individuals over the age of 60 years and those living in congregate settings such as retirement villages and nursing homes. As part of Phase 2, government intends to vaccinate around 16.6 million people over the next six months.

We wish to encourage employees and their family members over the age of 60 to register on the government's Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS). Those over 60 in our country comprise 9% of the total population. However, this cohort currently accounts for 60% and 36% of COVID-related deaths and hospital admissions respectively. For this reason, it is of paramount importance that they are prioritised for vaccination. Please note that the Department of Health will let new groups know as soon as they should register on the EVDS system.

Further to the announcement of the Department of Health (DoH) regarding the proposed rollout of the vaccine, and the cost and payment thereof, it has been indicated that the cost of the COVID-19 vaccination (inclusive of the Administration Fee) will be fully covered by medical schemes for their members and beneficiaries. The cost of the vaccination for the rest of the population will be covered by the State i.e. free of charge.


How does this impact you as an EEB policy holder?

EEB is not a medical scheme but a health insurance product. Therefore, the cost of the vaccine for EEB policyholders is the responsibility of the State and should not be funded by yourself. To be vaccinated, policyholders can visit any government approved vaccination facility once they are in possession of their voucher and time and place of appointment. When it is a policyholder's turn to be vaccinated at a Dischem, Clicks or any other facility they do not have to present their EEB membership card and should state that they are not on a medical scheme.

Our claims administration system will also not accept a claim for the vaccination administered to policyholders of EEB clients. It is important that policyholders are made aware that they themselves will also not have to pay for the vaccine as it will be provided to them by government at no cost.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or further questions.

Kind regards,



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