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# NEWSLETTER NO4 Nov 2018 YEBOMED OPTION



## Newsletter to Members

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## MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

### INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019

Based on the expected increase in medical tariffs and utilisation of medical services, the increased VAT, as well as the effect of funding the Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB's) in accordance with the Medical Schemes Act, it is estimated that the medical expenditure for WCMAS for 2019 will increase significantly.

The Board of Trustees has resolved to increase contributions with effective from 1 January 2019 as per the following Yebomed Option table: -

Principal Member	Adult Dep	Child Dep
R1,193	R878	R167
Employer subsidy to be determined by each Employer Group		

## MEMBER'S GUIDES 2019



Members are reminded to look out for the new 2019 Member's Guide where they will find all their available benefits.

Some limits have been imposed and we encourage members to make sure what services they may claim.

Some of the new benefits will be: -

- GP visits out of area limited to 2 p.b.p.a.
- TTO (Take home medication) limited to up to 7 days supply from discharge hospital.
- Internal prosthesis limited to R56,800 p.b.p.a.

For more information please consult your member's guide 2019.

## IMPORTANCE OF ICD10 CODES

The Scheme would like to emphasize the importance of ICD10 codes being reflected on all prescriptions and accounts. This will ensure that benefits are paid correctly.

## GP REFERRALS

Members are reminded that all specialist referrals must be done by Universal Care via your Network General Practitioner.



## KEEPING IN TOUCH



We don't want you to miss out on any important information, so please advise us if any of your information and or your contact details have changed. You will receive communication faster and also contribute to a "greener" environment. You can update your information on our website at [www.wcmas.co.za](http://www.wcmas.co.za) or via e-mail [wcmas@wcmas.co.za](mailto:wcmas@wcmas.co.za).

*We want to hear from you.*





## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Student registration for 2019


Members are reminded to apply for membership of their dependants who are over the age of 21 years and are students registered for 2019. The proof of registration documents must be submitted before the end of February 2019.

## MEMBERSHIP

A member must apply for the registration of his/her dependants at the time that he applies for membership:-

- To register a newborn or newly adopted child the registration must take place within 30 days of the date of birth or adoption of the child, 
- If the member marries, the registration of such marriage must be registered within 30 days of the occurrence, 
- If a dependant ceases to be eligible to be a dependant (e.g. takes up employment, marries etc.), then the dependant must be de-registered immediately as they do not qualify for benefits, 
- The Scheme does not provide cover for divorced spouses even if the divorce settlement decrees that the member is liable for cover, 
- Please note that members' and their dependants may not belong to two medical aid schemes at the same time. **This is fraud.**

## FRAUD

The Scheme has been made aware of members who have cash-back plans and request extended stay only to be able to claim from their insurance. These practices are strongly viewed as fraud. 


## FRAUD TIP-OFF LINE

We encourage members who become aware of this practice to contact the Schemes Fraud tip-off line 0860 104 302.

### Which benefits will require a Pre-authorisation?

Pre-authorisation is required for planned hospital admissions, MRI/CT/PET scans, radio-isotope scans, ICON oncology program, chronic medication and other major medical expenses. Authorisation must be obtained at least 72 hours before hospitalization except for emergency admissions.

## OFFICE CLOSURE


Kindly note that the WCMAS Offices will be closed on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 as from 12h00 and will re-open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 08h00. 

Would like to wish all our members and their families a healthy and prosperous 2019.

## MOBILE APP

Have you heard about our WCMAS Mobile App?

### INTRODUCING THE WCMAS MOBILE APP

The APP can be downloaded from the Google Play Store on your smartphone – Just type in WCMAS. 

### PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY ON THE ROADS

### THESE HOLIDAYS



For Hospital / Oncology authorisations or procedures members are to contact Universal Care on 0861 647 542 (Available during the festive season)

Chronic Disease Management authorisation to be registered at SwiftAuth Medikredit.

Call back option: "Please call me" - send your medical aid number to 30131 and the Universal Call centre will assist you with your enquiry within 24 hours.

Members are also reminded to always present their membership cards and identity documents on admission to hospital