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Dear Doctor

The new Surgicom Shared Value Initiative

Discovery Health, in collaboration with Surgicom, invites you to participate in a new shared value initiative, called the Surgicom Governance Project. This Project aims to enhance the quality of care delivered to members of medical schemes we administer, with the core focus of improving patients' clinical outcomes while increasing reimbursement to the treating surgeon.

The shared value initiatives involve a framework that promotes better co-ordination of care, supports the personalised doctor-patient partnership and is underpinned by robust and intelligent digital health technology that improves the collection and sharing of critical information.

We believe that a partnership with these focused objectives of joint learning and health data sharing can improve healthcare quality and cost outcomes for medical scheme members.

Surgicom Governance Project

As of 1 August 2016, any Surgicom member will be eligible to participate in this new initiative and obtain the benefits of the Surgicom Governance Project. As part of the Surgicom Governance Project Participating Surgeons agree to:

1. The principles and objectives of the initiative.
2. Apply Surgicom endorsed care pathways, guidelines and protocols which will be released from time to time.
3. Integrate HealthID into daily interaction with patients and implement Surgicom discharge planning guidelines including the submission of a discharge summary via HealthID for Discovery Health Medical Scheme and any future participating medical schemes.
4. Bill code 0177 for the submission of a discharge summary if compilation of such a summary is appropriate.
5. Participate in the Surgicom mentoring processes which involves the exchange of clinical and administrative information towards jointly promoting efficient and high-quality care.

Please note that –

- This project applies initially to Discovery Health Medical Scheme. Other schemes administered by Discovery Health that would like to participate in this agreement will be automatically included, subject to approval of the relevant scheme's Board of Trustees. We will communicate with you if this happens. Subject to these terms and conditions, all other scheme rules will still apply.
- The processes and benefits making up the project will apply for the duration of the agreement or until notification of termination is received by either party.

Initiative fee and how to bill

- Participating surgeons can benefit from an enhanced professional remuneration. The admitting doctor will receive a fee of R380 for the submission of the discharge summary for every patient using the Discovery electronic platform HealthID.
- Claim received from the participating surgeons must contain a billing code 0177 to the value of R380, on the submission of a discharge summary.
- The fee will be increased annually on notice to the participating surgeons and will take effect on 1 January for each year the agreement remains in operation.
- This above tariff may be amended from time to time.

Peer mentoring by Surgicom

As quality of care is the primary driver of the Surgicom Governance Project, all participating surgeons consent to providing the relevant clinical information to enable peer review by the Surgicom peer mentoring committee and acknowledge that they participate in the project on a voluntary basis.

We look forward to your participation and trust that this initiative will support a high quality surgical service for your patients and members of the medical schemes we administer.

Please contact Discovery Health at healthpartners@discovery.co.za or the Surgicom website <http://surgicom.co.za/> for more information regarding the details of this initiative.

To participate in the initiative, please complete the below one page agreement.

Regards



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Discovery Health / Surgicom Governance Project

Please complete the form if you would like to participate in the Surgicom Governance Project and send it back to us on email at provider_administration@discovery.co.za or by fax on 011 539 2784

Full name		
BHF billing practice number		
<i>Please supply all individual practice numbers in the case of a group practice billing under this practice number</i>	BHF personal practice number/s	ID number
Physical address		
Building name and number		
Street name		
Suburb		
Province		
Postal code		
Postal address		
P O Box number		
Suburb		
City		
Postal code		
Contact details		
Telephone		
Fax		
Email		
<p>I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the Surgicom Governance Project and as a participant my practice agrees to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principles and objectives of the initiative. 2. The participation in the Surgicom governance project is being limited to any willing surgeon who is a member of Surgicom 3. Apply Surgicom endorsed care pathways, guidelines and protocols which will be released from time to time. 4. Integrate HealthID into daily interaction with patients and implement Surgicom discharge planning guidelines including the submission of a discharge summary via HealthID for Discovery Health Medical Scheme and any future participating medical schemes. 5. Bill code 0177 for the submission of a Discharge Summary if compilation of such a summary is appropriate. 6. Participate in the Surgicom mentoring processes which involves the exchange of clinical and administrative information towards jointly promoting efficient and high-quality care. <p>Please note that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This Project applies initially to Discovery Health Medical Scheme. Other schemes administered by Discovery Health that would like to participate in this agreement will be automatically included, subject to approval of the relevant scheme's Board of Trustees. We will communicate with you if this happens. Subject to these terms and conditions, all other scheme rules will still apply. ▪ The processes and benefits making up the Project will apply for the duration of the agreement or until notification of termination is received by either party. 		
<p>I wish to participate in the Surgicom Governance Project. I undertake to abide by the agreement as per this arrangement and supplementary Surgicom Governance Project communication.</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>The agreement will take effect from service dates following the listing of the practice on the Surgicom Governance Project and will continue indefinitely. The agreement may be terminated by 30 (thirty) days' written notice by either party.</p>		