

information sheet

BONITAS SPECIALIST NETWORK

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BONITAS WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A SPECIALIST NETWORK – EFFECTIVE FROM 01st SEPTEMBER 2012

Following the successful implementation of the Bonitas GP network, which 90% of members are now using, Bonitas are currently contacting a specialist network which will be effective from 01 September 2012.



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Members on the **Standard, Primary, BonSave** or **BonEssential** options will now have a choice of choosing a Bonitas specialist network partner.

- Participating network Specialists have agreed to render their services at a negotiated rate. For members this means that there will be no additional co-payments or levies due.
- This will include all services rendered for both in and out of hospital.
- Once a members benefits are depleted and their condition is one of the legislated prescribed minimum benefit conditions (PMB's), members can be assured that their condition will be covered in full with no co-payments or additional levies if they consult a Bonitas specialist network partner.

How to find out if your specialist is part of the network:

- Via the Bonitas call centre (0860 002108) or the Bonitas website (www.bonitas.org.za) – from 1 September 2012

What specialists will be included in the network?

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| • Dermatology | • Cardiology | • Rheumatology |
| • Obstetrics and Gynaecology | • Psychiatry | • Paediatrics |
| • Pulmonology | • Neurosurgery | • Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery |
| • Specialist Medicine | • Ophthalmology | • Surgery |
| • Gastroenterology | • Orthopaedics | • Cardio Thoracic Surgery |
| • Neurology | • Otorhinolaryngology (ENT) | • Urology |

Note:

- Not all disciplines are included - anaesthesiologists, oncologists and maxilla facial surgeons are excluded from the network.
- The network is not available for members on the **BonComprehensive** option.

Do we still need gap cover?

Although most of the specialist fields have been covered, there are still disciplines that are not part of the network (in particular anaesthesiology and oncology).

Also, there is no guarantee that the specialist you would like to see will be part of the network (typically there is a 70% to 80% coverage).

Finally, in the case of an emergency admission, there is no opportunity to select your preferred specialist.

As such, you may still experience shortfalls in cover as you may have no option but to consult outside of the network.

