

SPECIALISED MEDICINE BENEFIT 2026

Overview

The Specialised Medicine Benefit gives members on the Remedi Comprehensive Option access to specific high-cost medicines and new technologies. This document explains how the Benefit works, how we pay for treatment from the Specialised Medicine Benefit and the process you need to follow to apply for the Benefit.

About some of the terms we use in this document

There may be some terms we refer to in the document that you may not be familiar with. Here are the meanings of these terms.

Chronic Disease List condition	Medicine name and strength
Remedi Rate	This is the rate that we pay for healthcare services from hospitals, pharmacies, healthcare professionals and other providers of relevant healthcare services.
Reference Price	The Reference Price is the rand value based of the preferentially priced equivalent.

The Specialised Medicine Benefit at a glance

The Specialised Medicine Benefit provides additional cover for a defined list of high-cost medicines and bariatric surgery up to a limit of R210 000 for each person, each year, subject to specific rules. Cover is either at 90% of the Remedi Rate or up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent, depending on the treatment, as outlined in the table below. Where the provider charges more than the Remedi Rate, you will have to pay the difference.

Cover from the Specialised Medicine Benefit is subject to entry criteria

To access this Benefit, which covers certain treatments for specific indications, you must meet the benefit entry criteria which are developed using evidence-based medicine. These criteria are updated in accordance with local and international best practice as well as clinical protocols, where applicable.

If you do not meet the criteria for funding from the Specialised Medicine Benefit, you can access funding through the available funds allocated to your Personal Medical Savings Account (PMSA).

You must apply for cover

You need to complete a Chronic Illness Benefit application form for cover from the Specialised Medicine Benefit. Up to date forms are always available on the website at www.yourremedi.co.za.

Conditions and medicine covered from the Specialised Medicine Benefit

TREATMENT	CONDITION	FUNDING
Actemra®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Amgevita®	Ankylosing spondylitis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Psoriatic arthritis	
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Blitzima®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Copellor®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Cosentyx®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Enbrel®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Entyvio®	Crohn's disease Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Erelzi®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Esbriet®	Pulmonary fibrosis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Forteo®	Osteoporosis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Humira®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Hyrimoz®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
MabThera®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Neotecla®	Chronic renal disease	90% of the Remedi Rate
Orencia®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Pirofibra®	Pulmonary fibrosis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Prolia®	Osteoporosis	90% of the Remedi Rate

TREATMENT	CONDITION	FUNDING
Redditux®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Remiflix®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Rheumatoid arthritis Crohn's disease Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Remsima®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Revellex®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Rinvoq®	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Ristova®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Rituximab Cipla®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Rixathon®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Sensipar®	Chronic renal disease	90% of the Remedi Rate
Simponi® 45mg/0.45ml	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Simponi® 50mg/0.5ml	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Stelara® 130mg/26ml (Loading Dose)	Crohn's disease Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Stelara® 45mg/0.5ml	Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
Stelara® 90mg/1ml	Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Crohn's disease Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent
Unamity®	Rheumatoid arthritis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent

TREATMENT	CONDITION	FUNDING
Xeljanz® 5mg	Ankylosing spondylitis Psoriatic arthritis	90% of the Remedi Rate
	Rheumatoid arthritis Ulcerative colitis	Up to a maximum of the reference price of the preferentially priced equivalent

Other surgical procedure covered from the Specialised Medicine Benefit

TREATMENT	CONDITION	FUNDING
Bariatric surgery	Obesity	80% of the Remedi Rate

Complaints process

You may lodge a complaint or query with Remedi Medical Aid Scheme directly on 0860 116 116 or address a complaint in writing to the Principal Officer at the Scheme's registered address. Should your complaint remain unresolved, you may lodge a formal dispute by following the Remedi Medical Aid Scheme internal disputes process.

You may, as a last resort, approach the Council for Medical Schemes for assistance.

Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157 / 0861 123 267 / complaints@medicalschemes.co.za / www.medicalschemes.co.za