

Cover for diagnostic endoscopies 2019

Who we are

TFG Medical Aid Scheme (referred to as “the Scheme”), registration number 1578, is a non-profit organisation, registered with the Council for Medical Schemes.

Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd (referred to as “the Administrator”), is a separate company and an authorized financial services provider (registration number 1997/013480/07). We take care of the administration of your membership for the Scheme.

Contact us

You can call us on **0860 123 077** or visit **www.tfgmedicalaidscheme.co.za** for more information.

Overview

Endoscopies, also called scopes – are used to investigate certain medical and surgical conditions like gastric ulcers, reflux and infections. You can have a scope done in your doctor’s rooms or your doctor may prefer to do it in hospital or at a day-case facility.

How we cover endoscopies, at a glance

TFG Health Plus:

When we refer to scopes and how we cover them, we refer to four diagnostic scopes namely gastroscopy, colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy and proctoscopy. These are all used to investigate the digestive system.

If we have a payment arrangement with the provider, we will pay the account up to the agreed rate, subject to the Overall Annual Limit. If you don’t use a designated service provider (DSP) with whom we have an arrangement with, you will be responsible for any shortfall between what the provider charges and what the Scheme pays. The ‘Find a Provider’ tool on www.discovery.co.za helps you find healthcare professionals where you will be covered without a co-payment.

We pay in full for scopes done in hospital that are done together with a defined list of procedures. Any other procedure performed at the same time, will accumulate to the relevant sub-limits

* General anaesthetic costs are not covered for procedures performed in a doctor's surgery

TFG Health:

Scopes in hospital or in lieu of hospitalisation are not covered on TFG Health as it is a general exclusion unless it is done for a child younger than 12 years old or for a confirmed PMB condition. All scopes done in doctors’ rooms are covered from the Specialist Benefit – subject to available funds and benefit limits.

Complaints process

You may lodge a complaint or query with TFG Medical Aid Scheme directly on 0860 123 077 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 TFG 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.com / www.medicalschemes.com