

# Provider E-News



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## ICD-10 CODES

With reference to our letter dated 1 December 2004, we requested that ICD-10 codes be included on claims with effect from 1 January 2005. A reprieve has been granted by the Department of Health and according to Circular 58 of 2004, the ICD-10 coding deadline has been extended to 30 June 2005.

## Background to the NMP/Pulz merger to form Momentum Health

For a number of years NMP experienced static and ageing membership and the Trustees had been looking at various opportunities for attracting new and younger members. It became clear that the scheme needed to forge an alliance with a competent and dynamic distribution channel and, after a thorough survey of the market, the Trustees identified a logical partner in Momentum Distribution Services (MDS). At that stage MDS had entered into an exclusive distribution agreement with a new scheme called Pulz and they too found that they were in need of a partner; in this instance Pulz needed to align itself to an established and respected scheme to ensure acceptance in the market-place.

As the two schemes had similar philosophies and ethical standards as well as a common administrator it became clear that many benefits could be obtained by joining forces and it was thus agreed that the two schemes would amalgamate with effect from 1 January 2005. It was also agreed that the new entity would need to undertake fairly extensive marketing over the first few years and, when an opportunity arose to ride upon the coat-tails of the distributor, giving members significant cost-savings, it was agreed that the new name of Momentum Health should be adopted.

A new Board of Trustees has been formed with five members of the old NMP Board, one from Pulz and four independent Trustees; they remain in charge of the direction of the scheme and are confident that members will be well served with a range of innovative and cost-effective options.

*Richard Parsons - Chairman Momentum Health*



## ENHANCED GP REMUNERATION FEES FOR MOMENTUM HEALTH 2005

Momentum Health will continue to use the MHS profiling model to categorise doctors in 2005. Participating doctors will be categorised as either Category A, B etc. by their own criteria and will be remunerated directly by Momentum Health according to the table below.

A	R175.00
B	R165.00
C	R155.00
D	R155.00
E	R155.00

Only R155.00 will be paid from member's day to day benefits and the additional R20 and R10 respectively for Category A and B will be paid from scheme funds. Balance billing will be allowed, however should the doctors charge above the allocated amount per Category, the fee charged will be paid to the member.

# CHRONIC CONDITION REGISTRATION AND MEDICATION AUTHORISATION

We are pleased to advise that with effect from 1st January 2005 Sovereign has introduced a telephonic authorisation process for your patient's chronic medication and condition. This exciting new process means that treating doctors may now call the fund to register or change their patient's chronic medication and condition. No more paper application forms!

There are 3 main advantages: -

1. Faster turnaround times for your chronic application/change. Depending on the medication and condition, it may even be instant!
2. This process is much easier and simpler to understand as we have removed the necessity for the completion of a paper application form.
3. Doctors will now discuss the application/change with a pharmacist directly.

Please note that it is not necessary to renew chronic authorisations on an annual basis unless there is a change in condition or medication. The patients condition and medication will automatically be registered annually. This however does not replace the doctor's prescription for the dispensing of medicines.

For more information please visit our website at [www.sovprov.co.za](http://www.sovprov.co.za) where you can access the Prescribed Minimum Benefit (PMB) procedure and consultation treatment plan guideline. Please contact the fund on the sharecall numbers below for chronic authorisation. (Press 3 when prompted to do so) to register a new patient or change an existing patient's chronic medication and/or condition.

## Funds Sharecall Number

Momentum Health	0860 11 78 59
SA Breweries	0860 00 21 33
Alliance Midmed	0860 00 21 01
Nampak	0860 10 10 47
Bepmed	0860 10 29 03
Meridian	0860 10 11 47
PG Group	0860 00 50 37
Medshield Plus	0860 10 31 25
Aacmed	0860 22 26 33
Netcare	0860 10 34 06
Sovereign Jhb	011 671 28 93
Sovereign Cape	021 410 12 21
IVR	0860 10 40 40



## ONCOLOGY CLAIMS

As from 1 January 2005, revised tariffs for radiation treatments and administration of oncology medications were introduced by the Department of Health. We request that all radiation treatment plans submitted to Sovereign Health before this date be re-submitted with the relevant new tariffs. Please ensure that all new oncology and radiotherapy claims are submitted with the new tariffs.



## PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN CHRONIC MEDICATION BENEFITS FOR MOMENTUM HEALTH MEMBERS

If your patient has chosen their chronic provider as ANY PROVIDER or they are on the GOLD PLAN

The treating doctor may call Momentum Health on 0860117859 (press 3 when prompted to do so) to register or change a patient's chronic medication and condition.

The advantages for the doctors are:

- Faster turnaround times for chronic application/change.
- The process is much easier and simpler as we have removed the necessity for the completion of paper application forms.
- The doctor will now discuss the application/change with a pharmacist at ChroniLine.

If your patient's choice of chronic provider is MEDIPOST

The doctor, network pharmacist or patient may complete the registration process by contacting the Rx health clinical call centre on 0860 103 3448. Please ensure that you have all the relevant patient/member information on hand when requesting registration i.e. the patient's prescription and/or registration form. Rx health will be responsible for authorising the member's medicine. The patient is assured of ongoing support through the Rx health case manager.

Network Pharmacies:

A-Group Dispensary  
14 Wiganthorpe Road  
Pietermaritzburg  
Telephone: 033 - 345 6758  
Facsimile: 033 - 345 6755

Atlas Pharmacy PMB  
Shop 2 - 280 Longmarket Street  
Pietermaritzburg  
Telephone: 033 - 394 6601  
Facsimile: 033 - 394 6410

Atlas Pharmacy DBN  
The Berea Centre  
Shop 1- 257 Berea Road  
Durban  
Telephone: 031 - 242 3100  
Facsimile: 031 - 202 6268 /0187

Grants Drug Store  
125 Kingsway  
Warner Beach  
Amanzimtoti  
Telephone: 031- 916 1620  
Facsimile: 031 - 916 6550

King Edward Pharmacy  
 Shop 20 Queensmead Mall  
 95 Teignmouth Road  
 Umbilo, Durban  
 Telephone: 031 - 205 9266  
 Facsimile: 031 - 205 3032

Schuinville Pharmacy:  
 322 Cape Road  
 Port Elizabeth  
 Telephone: 041 - 364 0439  
 Facsimile: 041 - 365 2474

Medipost Pharmacy  
 Kirkness Street, Loftus Versveld Rugby Stadium,  
 Northern Pavilion  
 1st Floor  
 Arcadia, Pretoria  
 Telephone: 012 - 426 4505  
 Facsimile: 012 - 426 4556

If the patient's choice of chronic provider is STATE

Please note that due to a patient selecting the state policy option as their chronic provider, they will have to obtain their chronic medication, as well as PMB treatment including consultations and pathology for their chronic condition from the state facility. Patients must ensure that they are able to obtain chronic medication from the state facility. Medication will only be supplied from the state formulary.

The treating doctor at the state facility will need to call Momentum Health on 0860117859 (Press 3 when prompted to do so) to register or change chronic medication/ condition.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Momentum Health Contact Centre on 0860 117 859, should you require any assistance.

## Momentum Health Interim Medication Rate 2005

Momentum Health is pleased to advise that with effect from 17 January 2005, the MHS Tiered model will be applied to medicine claims, until such time that the Constitutional Court considers the Dept of Health's appeal.

Detail of the Tiered Model

SEP Band	Percentage Fees	Fixed Fees
R1-R50	50%	R 5.50
R50.01-R120	33.3%	R 12.50
R120.01-R200	20%	R 30.00
>R200	15%	R 40.00

The fixed fee is added to the Single Exit Price. The percentage fee is added to the sum of SEP and the fixed fee. This is the total cost of medication. All figures include VAT.

A few examples:

SEP	Fixed Fee	% Fee [calculated on (1) + (2)]	Total Dispensing Fee	Total cost of medication
R40	R5.50	R22.75 (50%)	R28.25	R68.25
R100	R12.50	R37.46 (33.3%)	R49.96	R149.96
R180	R30	R42.00 (20%)	R72.00	R252.00
R250	R40	R43.50 (15%)	R83.50	R333.50

Momentum Health will pay the lower rate of the claim lodged.