

Agreement for participation in the SASOG-GMG and Discovery Health value-based initiative in obstetric care

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I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the SASOG-GMG and Discovery Health value-based initiative in Obstetric Care (“Initiative”) and agree to the following terms:

1. Objectives of Initiative

- 1.1. To provide members of participating medical schemes, with access to a high quality, cost effective obstetric care delivery program with excellent clinical outcomes.
- 1.2. To support and appropriately remunerate obstetricians who are members of SASOG GMG in good standing in a manner aligned with the objectives of value-based care.
- 1.3. To support practitioners with digital record-keeping assets aligned with evidence based guidelines designed for best clinical outcomes, coordinated care and management of medico legal risk.
- 1.4. This agreement will be subject to continual review and updating.

2. Scope of Initiative

- 2.1. The medical scheme that is participating in the Initiative is Discovery Health Medical Scheme (“DHMS”). A list of medical schemes administered by Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd (“Discovery Health”) that have also agreed to participate can be found in annexure A below. Please note this will be updated and shared as and when other schemes enrol in this initiative.
- 2.2. All Discovery Health Medical Scheme plans are included in this initiative.

3. Role of the obstetrician

- 3.1. With respect to your participation in the value based care, Obstetric Governance Project, you commit to:
 - 3.1.1. Share data with Discovery Health in the interests of enhancing quality and improving care outcomes. Such shared data shall be treated confidentially.
 - 3.1.2. Have your participation in the programme communicated as necessary.
 - 3.1.3. Work with the wider clinical team (paediatricians and nursing staff) and hospital colleagues to ensure alignment with best practice processes for maternity care with particular focus on:
 - 3.1.4. Adherence to Better Obs protocols, including the guidance on elective C-sections prior to 38 completed weeks;
 - 3.1.5. Enhanced recovery care after birth to safely and appropriately optimise length of stay, noting that for uncomplicated births the benchmark stay is 48 hours for vaginal delivery and 72 hours for C-sections.
 - 3.1.6. Ensure appropriate admissions to neonatal ICU and High Care whilst reducing non-medically indicated admissions. The final decision to admit a patient does however rest with the Paediatrician.
 - 3.1.7. Partake in the SASOG-GMG led peer review and stewardship processes, which aim to support practices with outlier metrics as compared to the benchmarked peer group. The peer mentoring process will also play a specific role in retrospective review of cases of early (pre-38 completed weeks) elective C-sections to advise on the appropriateness of medical indication.

3.2. HealthID Electronic Medical Record

Though preferred, it is understood that the development and maintenance of the patient's electronic medical record through the use of the HealthID digital platform is voluntary and at the discretion of the obstetrician. Use of the HealthID digital maternity record is intended for the documentation of prenatal and in-hospital processes and outcomes for all pregnancies and births of members of participating client schemes of Discovery Health.

4. Role of Discovery Health

Discovery Health will:

4.1. In respect of the value based care Obstetric Governance Project

- 4.1.1. Collect and share claims and HealthID data with the obstetrician, and with the SASOG-GMG as appropriate for peer discussions, in support of quality improvement and shared learning.
- 4.1.2. Collect and share key metrics with obstetricians and SASOG to ensure the sustainability and success of the initiative. The sharing of summary data will incorporate 4 monthly intervals and will be shared 3 months after the period ends to allow for collection of 30 day outcome data and claims submissions. This will include summary metrics such as:
 - 4.1.2.1. Number of births of members of client schemes of Discovery Health.
 - 4.1.2.2. Proportion of C-sections performed electively prior to 38 completed weeks
 - 4.1.2.3. Proportion of emergency C-sections.
 - 4.1.2.4. Rate of admission of new-born babies into High Care and Neonatal ICU by term.
 - 4.1.2.5. Average length of stay (LOS) of mother, and acuity of ward.
- 4.1.3. In the event that the quality outcomes experience is worse than the group benchmarks, and following appropriate team mentoring from SASOG GMG, Discovery Health reserves the right to review and/or terminate the contractual agreement with the individual obstetrician or practice.
- 4.1.4. Reimburse participating obstetricians for the above commitments through an additional 2020 project participation fee of R1257.60 per birth event. This fee will be paid on the submission of the code NVD01 or CS01 for vaginal delivery and C-section respectively, as at the service date of the delivery claim.
- 4.1.5. Practices that also participant in the KeyCare Specialist network will receive additional remuneration per maternity event with Normal Vaginal Delivery for KeyCare members where the fee for NVD01 is set at R2096.00 for 2020.

4.2. In respect of the HealthID Electronic Medical Record

- 4.2.1. During the term of this agreement Discovery Health will continue to refine the HealthID maternity record in collaboration with SASOG-GMG and pursue system integrations with other compatible platforms to enable access to the HealthID record. Platform for which integrations are being considered for development will include HealthOne, Vericlam, Practice Perfect and Solumed, amongst others, such platforms can be amended and/or replaced with other platforms at the sole discretion of Discovery Health.

- 4.3. To accommodate the phased adoption of the electronic medical record, DH will reimburse obstetricians for two levels of adoption of the electronic medical record as noted here:
 - 4.3.1. A limited electronic Discharge summary designed in collaboration with SASOG. In 2020, completion of the limited electronic Discharge summary will be reimbursed at R365.20.
 - 4.3.2. A Prenatal record will consist of the Antenatal module and Preauthorisation module. In 2020, completion of the Prenatal record will be reimbursed at R892.40.
 - 4.3.3. Payment for these records will be based on a set of minimum criteria being completed. The minimum criteria will be aligned with the funded DH maternity benefit.
 - 4.3.4. Claims process requirements will be communicated to all participating obstetricians.

5. Reimbursement and Claims Submission

- 5.1. The governance fee is paid in recognition of the obstetrician's commitment to Better Obs programme protocols and to the provision of high quality value based care.
- 5.2. Reimbursement of obstetric consultations, procedures and investigations will be in accordance with the day to day benefits as per the member's benefits plan and within the rules of the medical scheme.
- 5.3. Note that, as already occurs today, there is a separate fee paid from HealthID of R75 per engaged consult as per the HealthID engaged doctor criteria.

6. Periodic Review of the Initiative

- 6.1. Interim reports will be issued to participating practices as described in clause 4.1.2 above. These are proposed to provide an indication of individual improvements in process and outcomes measures. At the end of 2020, an annual report of outcome measures will be compiled for the included deliveries undertaken by the obstetrician in that year.
- 6.2. The obstetrician's ongoing participation in this Initiative or other value based obstetrics programmes for 2021 will be determined by their commitments made to improve obstetric care. For those repeatedly falling outside of generally accepted local & international guidelines for obstetric practice including NICU use or safe discharge planning and associated LOS benchmarks, Discovery Health reserves the right, after consultation with the Peer Review Committee, to terminate the participation of the obstetrician in the Initiative and the additional value based payments offered in this programme.

7. General

- 7.1. All individual information emanating from this programme will be kept confidential and only outlier practices will be reviewed by SASOG/GMG as part of a governance process.

Signature _____

Date

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I acknowledge that my participation is voluntary and that 30 (thirty) days written notice of withdrawal of participation may be given by myself or by Discovery Health. This does not apply in the case of demonstrated fraudulent activity, which would result in immediate termination.

8. Annexure A

Medical schemes administered by Discovery Health participating in this initiative:

- Anglovaal Group Medical Scheme
- BMW Employees Medical Aid Society
- Discovery Health Medical Scheme
- Glencore Medical Scheme
- LA Health
- Malcor Medical Aid Scheme
- Quantum Medical Aid Society
- Remedi
- Retail Medical Scheme
- TFG Medical Aid Scheme
- Tsogo Sun Group Medical Scheme
- UKZN Medical Scheme