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Medical Gap Cover 2011



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So you've ensured you're covered by a medical aid scheme, but have you given any thought as to whether your bills will be covered should you end up in hospital?

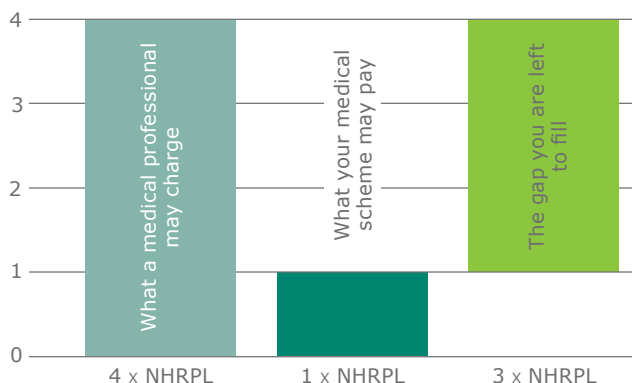
It's only after a stay in hospital that most medical aid members find out that the cover provided by their medical aids in hospital has fallen short of the amount charged by the medical professionals who've attended to them, leaving significant shortfalls to pay what were simply not budgeted for.



This portion of the account that you need to pay for is referred to as the "gap" between what your medical aid has paid out and the actual costs incurred. And it arises for a very simple reason.

In order to provide an efficient service to its members and keep control over expenses, a medical aid needs a set of guideline prices to base its benefit payments upon. Most medical aids use the National Health Reference Price List (NHRPL) to determine the reasonable cost of healthcare services in South Africa.

Medical professionals (such as surgeons and anaesthetists) are not obliged to follow these recommended rates and often charge more for their services than the guidelines provided for by the NHRPL. Sometimes as much as four times more. And since most medical aids pay claims at the rates suggested by the NHRPL, you'll agree that the gap that results will leave a sizeable gap in your pocket.



You could need to cough up for 75% of the total account. This is why Old Mutual has introduced the Old Mutual Medical Gap Cover.

Old Mutual Medical Gap Cover is designed to fill the gap that exists between what your medical aid has paid and what the attending medical professionals have charged for in-hospital surgical and consultation fees, up to a maximum total amount of four times NHRPL. And, given that most medical schemes only cover you for NHRPL, that is a major boost to your in-hospital cover.

## The gap you face could be substantial

Consider the following actual examples, and then consider whether you can afford to be without Old Mutual Medical Gap Cover:

	NHRPL specialist costs	4 x NHRPL	The gap you may face
Natural childbirth	R3 300	R13 200	R9 900
Caesarean section childbirth	R5 400	R21 600	R16 200
Cruciate ligament knee repair	R5 700	R22 800	R17 100
Heart bypass surgery	R21 000	R84 000	R63 000

The above examples are an average of all medical professional charges for the selected in-hospital procedures, and assume that the medical aid is covering claims at NHRPL, with the medical professional charge calculated at the maximum benefit level of four times NHRPL. The 2009 NHRPL rates, increased by 7,9% for medical inflation, have been used.

### What are you covered for?

Old Mutual Medical Gap Cover will cover the surgical and consultation fees charged by the health professionals for you and your immediate family (who are registered on your medical aid), at up to a maximum amount of four times NHRPL in the event of:

- In-hospital medical and surgical treatment.
- Out-patient treatment by chemotherapy, radiotherapy or renal dialysis.

### How much cover do you get?

Cover is provided for each calendar year for up to R100 000 per insured event, and subject to a maximum of R350 000 per family.

### What does it cost?

For just R92 per month you and your immediate family (who are registered on your medical aid membership) will be provided with Old Mutual Medical Gap Cover. Premium rates are reviewable annually, effective 1 January.

### General rules

- Anyone under 60 years of age (and on a medical scheme) may join, and cover will cease upon attaining the age of 75.
- A three-month general waiting period for benefits will apply, which will be waived in the event that hospitalisation is caused by an accident that occurred after the commencement date of the cover.
- A twelve-month condition-specific waiting period for benefits will apply on any birth and maternity related events and any conditions for which any insured person received treatment or advice, or could reasonably have known about, in the twelve months prior to joining.
- The rules of the medical scheme will always apply, and no payment will be made for excluded events, any co-payments or penalties that may be levied, ex-gratia payments made by your medical scheme, or for accounts that arise as a result of participation in illegal activities.

## OLD MUTUAL MEDICAL GAP COVER

Designed to cover the gap between medical aid payouts and in-hospital medical professional accounts

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