

Executive Office

Profmed Place, 15 Eton Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, 2193

PO Box 1004, Houghton, 2041

Tel: 011 628 8900 | Fax: 011 628 8901

E-mail: info@profmed.co.za

Website: www.profmed.co.za

Registration No. 1194 / FSP No. 43918



17 July 2020

Dear Valued Provider

Profmed response to COVID-19 pandemic

During these trying times, Profmed has endeavoured to assist with the additional costs required by healthcare professionals tending to our valued members.

Profmed has engaged many wholesalers to establish reasonable reimbursement costs of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) across all healthcare providers. I am sure that you would understand that this is a significant exercise with long-term cost implications that requires funding from limited scheme resources. The Council for Medical Schemes compels medical schemes to maintain a 25% solvency reserve and has denied the reduction of this percentage during the pandemic to create a sustainable future for schemes.

Profmed has continuously maintained a higher proportion of reserves and is able to make some concessions in the fight against COVID-19. We have reviewed PPE costs across most clinical specialities including General Practitioners. Effective 1 July 2020, PPE may be billed by the General Practitioner on code PPE01, which will be set at a rate of R25. Please note, this rate will be regularly reviewed as we have noted the decreases in the costs of important items, like face shields, masks, hand sterilisation equipment, and protective gowns, over the past few months.

We realise that this is a small contribution to assist you in taking care of our members and we acknowledge the difficult time that many providers have endured over the last few months.

Kind regards

Craig W Comrie
Principal and Chief Executive