

# The Medical Association of South Africa



## TARIFF OF FEES

FOR  
APPROVED MEDICAL  
AID SOCIETIES



THE fees laid down herein are to be regarded as standard fees for Approved Medical Aid Societies, and a lower fee should be charged where this would have been applicable in any particular area where the customary private fees are lower than the Tariff of Fees herein listed. Prolonged or exceptional cases should also receive special consideration in accordance with the usual medical practice.

The income of these Societies is derived mainly from members' subscriptions, but these do not suffice to pay all accounts in full, and in most Societies there is balance of from 25 percent to 60 per cent payable by the member. Medical practitioners are reminded that these Societies perform the very useful function of –

- (a) Assisting members to pay the cost of illness.
- (b) Ensuring prompt payment of accounts in full.

The Medical Association of South Africa and these Approved Medical Aid Societies have agreed that where the medical practitioner does not charge fees in excess of the Tariff, his fees are guaranteed in full by the Society in so far as their rules and regulations allow. If, however, the medical practitioner charges fees in excess of the Tariff, any responsibility of the Medical Aid Society for the payment of fees cease, and the member then becomes directly responsible for the payment of the whole fee and shall be informed of this by the medical practitioner at the first visit. If a practitioner accepts payment from the Society at scheduled rates, this payment shall be deemed to be in full settlement of the account.

# Approved Medical Aid Societies

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African Cables Ltd. Medical Aid Society.  
African Explosive & Industries Ltd. Staff Medical Aid Society.  
Argus Medical Benefit Society (Cape Argus Branch).  
Boksburg Municipal Employees' Medical Aid Fund.  
Breyten Coalfields' Benefit Society.  
Corner House Benefit Society.  
Die Santam-Sanlam Siektefonds.  
Die Siektefonds (Kantoorpersoneel) van die Nasionale Pers,  
Bpk.  
Die S.A. Onderwysers Unie Siektefonds.  
Greatermans' Pension Benefit and Welfare Society.  
Hunt, Leuchars & Hepburg Ltd. (Tvl.) Staff Medical Benefit  
Fund.  
Industrial & commercial Holdings Medical Aid Society.  
J.W. Jagger & Co. Ltd. Employees' Medical Benefit Institution.  
Northern Rhodesia Mine Employees' Medical (Specialist) Fund.  
O.K. Bazaars Sick Benefit Society.  
Ore & Metal Medical Aid Society.  
Post Office Medical Society.  
Pretoria Portland Cement Co. Ltd. Medical Benefit Society.  
Randles Brother & Hudson Employees' Provident Institution.  
Rand Public Service Medical Benefit Society.  
Rand Water Board Medical Aid Society.  
Reunert & Lenz Ltd. Medical Aid Society.  
S.A. Association of Municipal Employees' Medical Aid Society.  
S.A. Co-operative Officials' Society Ltd. Sick Benefit Fund.  
S.A. Mutual Life Assurance Society Staff Medical Aid Fund.  
S.A. Torbanite Mining & Refining Co. (Satmar) Medical Aid  
Society.  
Shell Medical Aid Society (S.A.)  
Standard Brass, Iron & Steel Foundries' Medical Aid Society.  
Stewarts and Lloyds' Medical Benefit Fund.  
The Association of Building Societies of S.A. Medical Aid Fund.  
The Cape Times Medical Aid Society.  
The Civil Service Medical Benefit Association.  
The Diamond Fields Advertiser Medical Aid Society.

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1. This Tariff has been authorised by the Federal Council of the Medical Association of South Africa as the official schedule of standard fees to be used in the case of patients who were members of those Approved Medical Aid Society listed opposite.
2. The schedule of fees has been drawn up to meet the special requirements of Medical Aid Societies, the majority of whose members earn less than £400 per annum. The fees bear no *constant* relation to normal or private fees.
3. The Medical Aid Societies especially request that claim forms should be filled in as soon as possible after receipt. Medical practitioners when completing those forms should, whenever possible, use the applicable term in this Tariff.
4. The fee for any operation or treatment not specified in the schedule should be a matter of arrangement between the doctor and the Medical Aid Society. In the case of an emergency operation not scheduled this cannot always be complied with, but the matter should be referred for arbitration to the Central Contract Committee of the Association.
5. Where the Medical Aid Society requires accounts to be rendered direct to them, the Society should incorporate in its constitution a rule which allows the nature of the illness to be disclosed to the Society.
6. When an initial full examination of and a report on a prospective member is deemed by a Medical Aid Society, the fee shall be £1 1s. per member and 10s. 6d. per dependant, the Society being responsible for the fee.
7. Patients belonging to the Medical Aid Societies must advise their membership to the doctor at their first consultation, or exhibit their membership cards if called upon to do so.
8. The Tariff of Fees shall apply only to members with a salary of £1,500 per annum or less, unless the rules of the Society provide for a sliding scale of subscriptions according to the salary of the member, or unless the rules provide an increased subscription from those members earning over £1,500 per annum.
9. When an appointment is made for a consultation by a member and not kept, the full Tariff fee may be charged, unless the member had taken timely steps to cancel the appointment. Charges for cancelled appointment must be stated in the doctor's account.