

Chronic Conditions



The extended medicine benefit in 2024 is only for access once the chronic and acute benefit has been depleted. Elite, Prestige, Status, Caliber and Access options is the only options with EMB benefits (limited).

We will load on confirmation from the scheme that both the acute and chronic benefits have been depleted (Adelaide Pallais, Gerda Visagie and Celeen Jacobs).

Currently Cardiac Failure, Diabetes 1 and 2 and CAD is paying in the background from EMB from the beginning of the year.

- **Glaucoma**
- **Bipolar Mood Disorder**
- **Bronchiectasis**
- **Cardiomyopathy (Heart Muscle Disease)**
- **Chronic Renal Failure (Chronic Kidney Disease)**
- **Congestive Cardiac Failure (Heart failure) – already pays from EMB**
- **COPD**
- **Coronary artery disease – already pays from EMB**
- **Cystic fibrosis**
- **Diabetes Mellitus type 1 & 2 (High Blood Sugar) – already pays from EMB**
- **Dysrhythmia**
- **Venous Thromboembolism:**
 - **Deep Vein Thrombosis**
(Load if Pradaxa/Eliquis is authorised on chronic.
Load Xarelto or generics on EMB if it is authorised from acute or chronic)
 - **Pulmonary Embolism**
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- **Epilepsy**
- **Haemophilia (Blood Clotting Disorder)**
- **HIV (K279)**
- **Hyperlipidaemia**
- **Hypertension**
- **Parkinson Disease**
- **Schizophrenia**

All autoimmune disease including:

- **Crohn disease**
- **Systemic sclerosis;**
- **Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (Lupus)**
- **Ulcerative colitis**
- **Rheumatoid arthritis**

A 20% co-payment will apply on all EMB medication.

The extended medicine benefit runs year on year and is therefore reviewed year on year.