

2026 Gap Cover Core Benefits

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Financial confidence is a feeling of certainty; knowing you are prepared for the challenges you may face – including poor health.

We can't promise you a life free of disease however, with Sanlam Gap Cover, we can promise you peace of mind knowing that we can provide you with security regardless of your current medical scheme.

Why choose Sanlam Gap?

The high cost of specialist **treatments** and above-inflation increases means that more people are at risk of being excluded from the quality medical care they need and deserve. Sanlam Gap gives you the freedom of choosing a doctor or specialist that will give you the best care, regardless of your **Medical Scheme** and regardless of rates. We have you covered for the best care, without the stress of having to worry about additional bills.

Sanlam Gap Cover made simple for you

Sanlam Gap Cover is a non-life insurance product that provides an extra layer of financial protection for those who already have medical aid. It helps to cover certain shortfalls between what your **Medical Scheme** will pay and the rates charged by in-hospital medical specialists.

Close the Gap even further with the **Mediclinic Extender Benefit**

MEDICLINIC 

You can close the gap even more, thanks to the **Mediclinic Extender Benefit**.

The Mediclinic Extender Benefit offers additional cover for **Medical Scheme** co-payments, private ward cover, and a cancer lump sum benefit, etc. These benefits ensure that you enjoy personalised treatment at all Mediclinic facilities and is the perfect add-on to your **Sanlam Gap Cover**.

◁ [See page 7 for more](#)

Sanlam Gap Cover for Medshield



What is Gap Cover?

Sanlam Gap Cover is a short term insurance product that provides an extra layer of financial protection for those who already have medical aid. It helps to cover certain shortfalls between what your medical aid scheme will pay and the rates charged by in-hospital medical specialists.

Premiums

Single	Age Band	Core
	Under 30	R203
	30 - 45	R281
	45 - 60	R314
	60+	R528
Family		Core
	Under 30	R307
	30 - 45	R343
	45 - 60	R369
	60+	R633

Add on benefit: Mediclinic Extender

Single Rate <i>Per Age Category</i>				Family Rate <i>Per Age Category</i>			
Under 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	60+	Under 30	30 - 45	45 - 60	60+
R55	R55	R55	R100	R123	R123	R123	R208



2026 Key Benefits for Medshield

Exclusive to Medshield Members on Core

You must be on a South African Medical Scheme. The Benefits listed below apply only for services rendered within the territory of the Republic of South Africa. Any services provided outside of the borders of South Africa are excluded from cover.

Benefit	Benefit Description	Limit
Key Benefits*	<p>The following Benefits are defined as Key Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Hospital Tariff Shortfalls • Out-of-Hospital Tariff Shortfalls • Co-payments and Deductibles • Shortfalls from Sub-Limits • Oncology Tariff Shortfalls • Oncology Co-payments • Penalty Co-payment <p>Example:</p> <p>The limit on 1 January 2026 is R219 845. If the CPI inflation rate for the preceding year is 3%, this limit will increase to R226 440 per Insured Party per annum on 1 April 2026.</p> <p>Key Benefits - Hospital/Risk Benefit requirement</p> <p>For the Key Benefits, cover applies only where the Insured Party's Medical Scheme has approved the claim and paid its portion from the hospital/risk benefit. Amounts paid from a medical savings account, day-to-day benefits, an above-threshold benefit or a self-payment gap are not covered under Key Benefits.</p>	<p>Overall Annual Limit for Key Benefits:</p> <p>The overall maximum amount payable for the Key Benefit clauses of this Policy is R219 845 per Insured Party per annum, as applicable on 1 January 2026.</p> <p>This amount is defined as the Overall Annual Limit, which is the maximum amount payable per Insured Party per annum in respect of Key Benefits.</p> <p>Automatic Escalation of Limit on 1 April:</p> <p>The Overall Annual Limit will automatically increase on 1 April each year in line with the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate published by Statistics South Africa.</p> <p>Prescribed Minimum Benefits (PMB) procedures are covered under Key Benefits and are subject to clinical review by our Specialist third party, MedClaim Assist.</p>
In-Hospital Tariff Shortfalls	<p>This Benefit provides cover for shortfalls on charges above the Medical Scheme Tariff for healthcare service providers (such as surgeons, radiologists, pathologists and physiotherapists) for procedures performed while admitted to hospital. The policy covers up to an additional three times (300%) above whatever Your Medical Scheme pays.</p> <p>The Benefit payable is equal to the total cost of Treatment less the amount paid by the Medical Scheme from your hospital/risk benefit, subject to a maximum of 300% above the Medical Scheme Tariff.</p>	<p>An Additional three times (300%) for charges above the Medical Scheme rate subject to the overall annual limit.</p>
Out-of-Hospital Tariff Shortfalls	<p>This Benefit provides cover for shortfalls on charges above Medical Scheme Tariff for out-patient procedures. The policy covers up to an additional three times (300%) of whatever your Medical Scheme pays.</p> <p>The Benefit payable is equal to the total cost of Treatment less the amount paid by the Medical Scheme from your hospital/risk benefit, subject to a maximum of 300% above the Medical Scheme Tariff.</p>	<p>An Additional three times (300%) on charges above the Medical Scheme Tariff subject to the Overall Annual Limit.</p>

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Benefit	Benefit Description	Limit
Co-Payments and Deductibles	The Benefit payable is equal to the fixed value Deductible or Co-payment amount, as defined in the rules of the Insured Party's Medical Scheme and relating to the defined Diagnostic Procedure . <i>Examples include co-payments applied to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Da Vinci Robotic Surgery • Scopes and Scans 	Limited to R11 510 per Insured per Policy .
Penalty Co-Payments	Cover for penalty Co-payments or Deductibles, up to a maximum of 30%, for the voluntary use by an Insured Party of a non-Network Hospital. Any other liability arising against an Insured Party from a Penalty , as defined, that is not a fixed value Penalty Co-payment defined in the rules of the Insured Party's Medical Aid , remains an exclusion.	One event covered per annum. Up to the maximum of R12 650 .
Shortfalls from Sub-Limits	This Benefit will apply for services provided during a Hospital Episode , where the charges relating to the service supplied have exceeded the Sub-limit benefit paid by the Insured Party's Medical Scheme .	The Benefit payable is equal to the charged amount, less the amount paid by the Insured Party's Medical Scheme , subject to a maximum limit per Insured Event of R32 800 .
Oncology Tariff Shortfalls	This Benefit provides cover for shortfalls on charges above the Medical Scheme Tariff for oncology and related Treatments , that have been approved by the Medical Scheme for purposes of treating cancer. This includes breast cancer reconstruction surgery for the affected breast following a mastectomy. The policy covers up to an additional three times (300%) of whatever your Medical Scheme pays. The Benefit payable is equal to the total cost of Treatment less the amount paid by the Medical Scheme from your hospital/ risk benefit, subject to a maximum of 300% above the Medical Scheme Tariff . Cover for Innovative Oncology Medicines is excluded from the Oncology Tariff Shortfalls Benefit.	Any Benefit provided for charges above the Medical Scheme Tariff shall be limited to an Additional three times (300%), subject to the Overall Annual Limit.
Oncology Co-Payments	The Benefit payable is equal to the Co-payment applied once related costs have exceeded the specific threshold defined by the Medical Scheme .	Limited to the 20% oncology related Co-payment applied by your Medical Scheme . Up to the maximum of R32 800 .

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Additional Benefits for Medshield

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Benefit	Benefit Description	Limit
Accidental Casualty	<p>Cover for Emergency out-patient services that are a direct result of Accidental Injury and are provided within a casualty ward of a Hospital.</p> <p>The Benefit payable is equal to the total cost of Treatment less the amount paid by your Medical Scheme from your hospital/ risk benefit. If payment is made from your available Medical Savings Account, or from your own pocket, we will reimburse that too.</p>	Subject to a maximum of R18 450 per Insured Event .
Casualty - Child Illness	<p>Benefits relating to this clause will only be paid in respect of Emergency out-patient services that are provided within a casualty ward of a Hospital. The Benefit is only payable in the event of after-hours Treatment in an Emergency situation.</p> <p>After-hours is Mondays to Fridays between 18:00pm and 08:00am and all-day Saturdays, Sundays and South African public holidays.</p> <p>The Benefit payable is equal to the total cost of Treatment less the amount paid by your Medical Scheme from your hospital/ risk benefit. If payment is made from your available Medical Savings Account, or from your own pocket, we will reimburse that too.</p>	<p>Subject to a maximum of two such events per Annum and a maximum of R3 000 per Event.</p> <p>Limited to children under age 12.</p>
Family Protector	The lump sum Benefit is payable upon the death or Permanent Disability of an Insured Party due to Accidental Injury .	<p>Limited as follows: Children below six years: R20 000</p> <p>All other Insured Parties: R30 000.</p>

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MEDICLINIC EXTENDER BENEFIT

THE MEDICLINIC EXTENDER BENEFITS APPLIES TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE OPTED TO INCLUDE THIS ADDITIONAL OPTION ON THEIR SANLAM GAP COMPREHENSIVE OR CORE POLICY. CONFIRMATION THEREOF WOULD REFLECT ON THE POLICYHOLDER'S POLICY SCHEDULE.

Add Mediclinic Extender for only:

Individuals younger than 60 years	R 55
Individuals older than 60 years	R 100
Families younger than 60 years	R 123
Families older than 60 years	R 208



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BENEFIT		BENEFIT DESCRIPTION	LIMIT
KEY BENEFITS	Specialist benefit	Specialist benefit: out-of-hospital This benefit will become payable when your Medical Scheme has paid a portion of your out-of-hospital specialist claim. We will cover the shortfall thereof in a Mediclinic facility.	Up to R5 200 per Insured Party Per Annum , subject to the Overall Annual Limit.
	Private unit	Cover for the difference between the cost of a general unit and a private unit.. Payable only in the event of confinement (childbirth) admissions. Only in a Mediclinic facility and only if a private unit is available.	Subject to a maximum of one event per Insured Party Per Annum and up to a maximum of R5 200 , subject to the Overall Annual Limit.
	Cashless co-payment	Benefits relating to this clause will be paid in respect of defined diagnostic procedures that occurred during an Insured Event . The benefit payable is equal to the fixed value deductible or co-payment amount, as defined in the rules of the Insured Party's Medical Scheme. The benefit is directly payable to the Mediclinic. Pre-authorisation letter required.	Unlimited number of events, subject to the Overall Annual Limit. Only at a Mediclinic facility.
	Cashless penalty co-payment	Notwithstanding exclusion-related penalties, the insurer will pay a fixed value penalty co-payment or deductible or a percentage penalty co-payment that does not exceed 30% for the voluntary use by an insured party of a Mediclinic facility that is not part of their medical scheme hospital network .	Subject to a maximum of R17 500 per event, two events per annum, subject to Overall Annual Limit.

All Key Benefits provided under the Mediclinic Extender Benefit form part of your Sanlam Gap policy's Overall Annual Limit. Claims for these benefits will be aggregated with other claims under your GAP policy for the purposes of applying the annual limit.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS	Casualty illness	Benefits relating to this clause will only be paid in respect of emergency outpatient services that are provided within a Mediclinic facility casualty unit. The Benefit is only payable in the event of after-hours treatment in an emergency situation. After-hour emergency illness only at a Mediclinic for all insured parties covered (Mondays to Fridays: 18:00 – 08:00. All day Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays).	Subject to a maximum of two such events Per Annum and a maximum of R3 000 per Insured Event.
	Cancer agreed benefit	The Benefit relating to this clause will be paid if cancer is confirmed by the oncologist or pathologist as at least the medical equivalent of 'Stage 2' or higher cancer in a Mediclinic facility.	Agreed benefit amount payable is R20 000 and is limited to one claim per Insured Party and is only payable on first-time diagnosis.

How to pre-authorise your cashless co-payments

Kindly complete a pre-authorisation form - [click here](#).

Upon completion, submit the form to authorisations@sanlamgap.com within a minimum of 48 working hours prior to your procedure or admission. In the event of an emergency, a pre-authorisation form needs to be completed post procedure within three working days.

For all other benefits claimable via the standard claiming process - [click here](#).

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Waiting Periods

A General Waiting period will be applied for all newly incepted Mediclinic Extender plans, irrespective of whether you are an existing member.

Waiting periods may apply from you and your dependants' cover join date, however not to accidents which occur subsequent to your join date. Your Policy schedule you receive upon activation will outline the waiting periods for each insured on your policy.

3 month general waiting period - there is no cover during this period, except for accidents that occur subsequent to your and your dependants' cover join dates.

12 month pre-existing medical condition waiting period - there is no cover during this period for investigations, medical procedures, surgeries or treatments related to any illness or medical condition diagnosed, or for which advice of treatment was received 12 month prior to your or your dependants join dates.

Understanding your Waiting Periods

The waiting periods for Sanlam Gap are as follows:

- 3 Month General Waiting Period
- 12 Month Condition-Specific Waiting Period

Moving from another Gap provider?

You can easily move from your previous Gap cover to Sanlam Gap. In order to ensure that the waiting periods are applied fairly and in line with the below, we suggest that you do not allow for a break in your cover.

If there is no break in cover, then the unexpired portion of the waiting periods from the previous policy will be applied to your Sanlam Gap Policy when you move over and if you already completed your waiting periods on your previous Gap cover, no waiting periods will apply on Sanlam Gap.

What are the waiting periods for Employer Groups joining Sanlam Gap?

- Waiting periods are determined at take on - waiting periods will either be applied; waived or reduced.
- Policyholders who join Sanlam Gap on a voluntary basis through their employer group will receive full waiting periods.
- Compulsory groups will have all waiting periods waived.

Exclusions

For a detailed outline of all Policy Exclusions, please refer to section I of your Policy document.

Claims caused by or related to any of the following, will not be covered:

- Any claim that is excluded or rejected by the Policyholder's Medical Scheme, this means that, if your Medical Scheme has not paid their portion toward any particular line item charged, it will not be covered by your Sanlam Gap Cover Policy.

- Any claim that does not form part of the registered Benefits of the Insured Party's Medical Scheme but has been paid on an ex-gratia basis.
- Any fee charged by a Medical Practitioner, Hospital, or other healthcare provider that constitutes Split Billing. This exclusion does not apply to Balance Billing.
- Any Treatment or Medical Procedure for infertility.
- Any Treatment or Medical Procedure where such treatment occurred outside of the period of an Insured Event.
- External prosthesis
- Any appliances including, but not limited to, wheelchairs, beds or convalescing equipment.
- All dental procedures classified as Specialised Dentistry, including-but not limited to- crowns, bridges, dental implant related procedures, orthognathic surgery, temporomandibular joint ("TMJ") surgery, labial frenectomy, bone augmentations, bone or tissue regeneration.
- Harvesting and/or preserving of human tissues, including but not limited to stem cell regeneration.
- Breast enlargement
- Consumables
- Gastroplasty, lipectomy or otoplasty
- Gender reversal procedures
- Therapeutic massage therapists
- Rehabilitation, frail care or hospice services
- Step-Down Facilities
- TTO (To-Take-Out) medicines

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How to Submit your Claim

An automated claims submission process has been put in place for Medical Schemes administrated by Medscheme to allow for automatic processing of your claims. You will no longer be required to submit a separate claim form. The Sanlam Gap Team have developed an automated integration system for its members on Medical Schemes administrated by Medscheme to integrate, healthcare providers and its contracted third parties to assist with the efficiency of the claims process.

Alternatively, you are able to decline this process and access the claim form by clicking on this [link](#) and download the form. Kindly email your completed claim form with supporting documentation to gapclaims@centriq.co.za

Standard Claims Process

When submitting the claim form, you will also need to provide a copy of the relevant specialists' accounts, **Hospital** accounts and **Medical Scheme** statement showing the processing of the accounts and the shortfall. Please note that the claim will not be processed until all documents have been received. You have **6 months** from the end of the **Insured Event** to submit your claim and relevant documentation. Any claim received for the first time after the 6 month period has expired, will not be honoured.

Claims can be e-mailed to gapclaims@centriq.co.za

Claims can also be captured online: [Sanlam Gap Claims form](#)

Once received, **your claim will be processed** and if all requirements have been met, the **Benefit** amount will be paid within **7 to 14 working days**.

Please also remember that this **Policy** does not form part of your **Medical Scheme** and your **Medical Scheme** call centre will thus not be able to assist you with any questions in this regard.

Please direct all queries to our
Customer Care Centre on **0861 111 167**

Contact Information

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