



## Welcome to Laya Healthcare

The new beginning for QUINN-healthcare

A reminder of your StudentCare scheme

This booklet contains everything you need to know about your StudentCare scheme.

Due to the detail in this booklet we understand you may have questions, so please feel free to contact our Customer Care team. Call 1890 700 890 between 8am and 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am and 3.3opm on Saturdays. In the interest of customer service, calls are recorded & monitored.

Visit our website on www.layahealthcare.ie or email us at info@layahealthcare.ie

Laya healthcare, Eastgate Road, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co. Cork.

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## Serving you online www.layahealthcare.ie

It's never been easier for you to get in touch with us when it suits you. By visiting our website you can:

- find information on all our schemes as well as frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers
- update your address details
- change your level of cover
- check consultants and hospitals covered by your scheme
- · email us with any questions
- download the most up-to-date information (rules and other literature may be updated from time to time)

To look at the details of **your** own **scheme**, all **you** need is **your laya healthcare** membership number to register online.

### Day-to-day expenses

If you have other health expenses, like physiotherapy, GP or casualty visits, just keep your receipts throughout the year. Then, at renewal time, fill out an out-patient claim form which can be posted to you if requested or downloaded online and include all your receipts and send to:

**Laya healthcare**, Eastgate Road, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co. Cork.

Read on for a full explanation of our rules and benefits.

## Laya Healthcare StudentCare scheme rules

## Effective May 14th 2012

## 1. Introduction

You need to read these rules along with your membership certificate and application form. Together these documents make up the agreement between us laya healthcare and you (the member).

## 2. Definitions

The following words and phrases in bold italic have the meanings shown below.

### **Benefits**

The charges, medical fees and other **benefits** shown in the table of **benefits**.

### **Psychiatric Consultant**

A Psychiatric Consultant means a Psychiatric Consultant who is employed by a Health Board or by an approved centre or persons whose name is entered on the Division of Psychiatry or the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of the Register of Medical Specialists maintained by the Medical Council of Ireland not more than seven years before his/her appointment under this Section.

### General Medical Practioner/GP

A registered medical practitioner who is not a consultant and is currently practising as a primary care physician in the community.

#### Health insurance contract

Means a **health insurance contract** to which the Irish Health Insurance Act, 1994, and the regulations made under that Act, apply.

#### Medical Centre

This refers to the UCD Medical Centre, First Floor, Student Centre Building, UCD, Dublin 4.

#### Nurse

A nurse who is for the time being registered with An Bord Altranais for midwifery, health visiting and/or nursing.

### **Out-patient treatment**

**Treatment** which is not in-patient treatment or day-case treatment.

#### Ireland

Ireland excluding Northern Ireland.

#### Membership start date

The date on which a person begins his or her current continuous period of membership of their scheme. The membership start date for you is shown for you on your current membership certificate.

#### Renewal date

The **renewal date** shown on **your** membership certificate.

### Scheme

Means in respect of a person, the **laya healthcare** health insurance **scheme** of which they are a member.

#### **Treatment**

Any health services a person needs solely for the medical investigation, **treatment**, cure, or alleviation of the symptoms, of illness or injury.

## Year

The period starting on **your membership start date** or a **renewal date** and ending at midnight on the day before the next **renewal date.** 

### You/Your

This means you the main member and your dependants.

## 3. Joining the scheme

- (a) A StudentCare contract must have a minimum of one adult as an insured member. Policyholders under the age of 18 are required to have a guardian named on their policy as the main member.
- (b) your membership of your scheme begins on your membership start date as shown on your membership certificate.
- (c) the agreement between you and us for your membership of any of the schemes shall be separate from any agreement between us and you for your membership of any other laya healthcare insurance scheme or schemes.
- (d) the **scheme** which **you** are a member of is shown on **your** membership certificate.

# 4. Renewing your membership

- (a) Your membership of the scheme will automatically renew on your renewal date, each year (subject to rule 11 on page 5) for a further year unless we write to notify you at least 30 days before the end of the year that we have decided to end your scheme. In that case, your scheme membership will end at the end of the year in which we notify you of our decision.
- (b) you renew your membership of the scheme by continuing to pay your subscriptions after your renewal date.

## 5. Your subscriptions

You must pay the subscriptions you have agreed with us for your membership of the scheme when it falls due. We may increase the subscriptions you have to pay each year (see Rule 11 on page 5).

You must pay your subscriptions in a way which is reasonably acceptable to us. We will give you details of the ways you can pay your subscriptions in our brochure and we will send you updated details if you ask us to. A credit charge will apply if paying by installments.

## 6. Waiting periods

There are no waiting periods on this **scheme**. If **you** decide to change **your** level of cover to a **scheme** with hospital cover, waiting periods may apply.

# 7. Ending your membership

- a) You have the right to cancel your membership of the scheme by writing to us within 14 days of you receiving your first membership certificate. We will give you a full refund of any money you have paid us as long as you have not made any claims.
- (b) Your contract is for a period of one year unless we agree to a different period when commencing your policy. If you do cancel mid-year, you will not receive any refund on your premium. In the event of nonpayment in accordance with the payment terms of your contract, such non-payment will constitute a breach of contract. In such circumstances we will not pay any benefits for the contract term and we will seek recovery of the losses and expenses incurred by us as a result of your nonpayment.
- (c) You may also cancel the membership of any of your dependants of their scheme by writing to us within 14 days of you receiving your first membership certificate which lists

them as a member. We will give **you** a full refund of any money **you** have paid for those **dependants**, whose membership **you** have cancelled within 14 days, as long as no claims have been made in respect of them.

- (d) Your dependents contract is for a period of one year unless we agree to a different period when commencing your policy. If you do cancel your dependents contract mid-year, you will not receive any refund on your premium. In the event of nonpayment in accordance with the payment terms of your contract, such non-payment will constitute a breach of contract. In such circumstances we will not pay any benefits for the contract term and we will seek recovery of the losses and expenses incurred by us as a result of your nonpayment.
- (e) We can end or refuse to renew someone's membership of the scheme if they have at any time made a fraudulent misrepresentation which relates to their contract with laya healthcare or any other health insurance contract, and which has, or could have, resulted in us, or any other registered health insurer, suffering financial loss. This includes information which could have affected our decision to allow anyone to join the scheme or what subscriptions they have to pay, or whether or not we have to pay any claim for benefits.
- (f) Your membership of the scheme will end immediately if you stop living in Ireland for more than 6 months per calendar year or your membership is not renewed.
- (g) We may end your membership of the scheme by writing to you if you do not pay any of your subscriptions on or before the date they are due. If your membership ends because you do not pay your subscriptions, we may allow you to continue your membership, as long as you pay the subscriptions you owe within 30 days.
- (h) If a person's membership of the scheme ends because we end their membership (eg. for fraudulent misrepresentation), we will give a refund of subscriptions paid for them for the period after their membership ends.
- (i) If you cease to be a member of your scheme

for any reason at any time, the membership of each of **your dependants** on the **scheme** will also end at the same time unless we agree otherwise in writing at the time. **Your dependants** will need to make their own arrangements with us to continue their membership of their **schemes**. They can do this by telephoning or writing to us. We will explain to them what they will need to do.

# 8. What is covered under the scheme

- (a) Laya healthcare provides out-patient benefit for GP visits, nurse visits and Psychiatric Consultations at the UCD Medical Centre. The scheme also provides access to the Student Assistance Programme. This scheme does
- (b) we will pay benefit for treatment a person receives while they are a member of their scheme. We will pay benefits under the scheme of which they were a member at the time they received the treatment and according to the rules and table of benefits of the scheme that applied to them at that time. We will not pay benefits for treatment which a person receives while he or she is not a member of the schemes.

# 9. What is not covered under the scheme

This **scheme** covers benefits outlined in rule 8 (a) on page 3. It does not cover any additional benefits.

## We will not pay **benefits** for the following on this scheme:

- (a) treatment which a person requires for travel vaccinations, sexually transmitted disease, specialist consultations and minor surgery
- (b) treatment where injury or illness is caused by virtue of war, civil disobedience or any act of terrorism or chemical, biological or nuclear

disaster in Ireland or overseas.

- (c) treatment for symptoms which are not due to any underlying disease, illness or injury.
- (d) treatment you receive outside Ireland.
- (e) any penalty charge in lieu of Health Act contributions
- (f) Laya healthcare will have no obligation to pay otherwise eligible claims where they are submitted in respect of a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew of a Consultant, dentist or alternative therapist, General Practitioner or any other provider of service.

## 10. Making a claim

- (a) we will not pay **benefits** while **you** are breaking any of the terms of **your** membership.
- (b) In order to process a claim we require a fully completed claim form. In the event that necessary information required to process the claim is incomplete or ambiguous on the claim form, our claims department will follow up with the necessary party to obtain this information. This follow up will take place over a 6 month period, after which if the required information is not received the claim will be deemed ineligible for benefit.

## **Important Note**

#### FRAUD POLICY:

- Laya healthcare operates a fraud policy in respect of all claims made under our Health Insurance Contract.
- If a claim submitted by a member, or someone acting on behalf of a member is found to be in any respect fraudulent or dishonest and submitted with a view to obtaining any benefit under this policy, all benefit under this policy shall be forfeited. For example overstatement of any medical fees incurred.
- Members should note that regular audits of

- claims are undertaken by laya healthcare.
- In all instances where fraud is suspected in respect of a particular claim a full and comprehensive investigation will be carried out by us.
- If, following that investigation, a finding of fraud or if a claim be deemed in any respect fraudulent, the claim shall be disallowed in its entirety.
- Any member found guilty of submitting a fraudulent claim shall have their health insurance contract suspended with immediate effect.
- All claims of whatever nature being considered under that individual member shall be suspended with immediate effect.
- In addition, any claim that is submitted which is in any respect fraudulent laya healthcare reserves the right to refer the matter and details of the claim to the appropriate authorities to prosecute the member.

# 11. Changes to the agreement

- (a) we may change any of the terms of your membership of your schemes each year on your renewal date. These changes can include, for example, how much your subscription will be and how often you have to pay it. The changes can also include changes to the benefits. We will not add any restrictions or exclusions to your cover that are personal and specific to you to do with medical conditions that started after you joined the scheme. Changes will only apply to you for the period following the renewal date when the change was made. The changes will not apply to the period before the renewal date.
- (b) we will write to tell you about any of these changes at least 30 days before the renewal date on which they are to take effect.
- (c) we can increase or reduce the subscriptions you pay at any time if there is an increase or decrease in the rate of tax or any other government or statutory charge or if any

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new tax or government or statutory charge is introduced which is related to **your** health insurance contract with **laya healthcare**. If we do, we will only increase the subscriptions **you** have to pay to cover the cost to us of the changes in the taxes or charges. We will write to tell **you** at least 30 days before increasing **your** subscription.

(d) we may make any changes to the terms of your membership of the scheme and your subscriptions at any time if we are required to do so by law. We will write to tell you about any such change as soon as is reasonably practical and you may end your membership of the scheme within 14 days of us telling you about the change. If as a consequence you end your membership, we will refund any subscriptions that you have paid for the period after your membership ends.

# 12. General terms and conditions

- (a) your policy and all communication between you and us will be in English
- (b) these terms will be governed by Irish law and all matters to do with the schemes will be dealt with by the courts in Ireland.
- (c) we will not return any documents you send us, unless you ask us to do so at the time you send them to us.
- (d) any changes to these terms will only be valid if they are made according to these rules or the table of benefits, unless we agree any changes with you in writing. Nobody else can change your terms of membership of the scheme on our behalf or decide not to enforce any of our rights.
- (e) if we do not use our legal rights it does not mean we have given them up. We may use them in the future.
- (f) if you write to us about anything, you must send it by pre-paid post or deliver it personally to: laya healthcare, Eastgate Road, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co. Cork

If we change this address, we will write to tell **you** about the change before we do so.

We will send any letters to the address **you** last told us about. **You** and we can assume that the letter is received on the day after it has been delivered, if delivered personally, or three days after posting if it was sent by pre-paid post.

- (g) you must write and tell us as soon as possible if you have claimed benefits for any treatment which you needed because somebody else was at fault.
- (h) you should write to tell us if you have any other insurance cover for benefits that you have claimed from us. If you do have insurance cover with someone other than laya healthcare, we will only pay our share of any benefits.
- (i) we will pay benefits in accordance with the rules for treatment which was due to the fault of someone else.

However, if you claim benefits for treatment which was due to the fault of someone else, you must take any steps we may reasonably ask you to take to recover the cost of the benefits we have paid from the person whose fault it was. You must also claim interest if you are entitled to interest. You must pay us the money (and any interest) that you recover from that person up to the amount of the benefits we have paid for the treatment.

## **Third Party Claims**

**Please note** - Expenses which **you** are entitled to recover from a third party, are excluded from benefit, however:

Legal Action Proceedings - Where a claim is submitted to laya healthcare in respect of treatment required as a result of an injury caused through the fault of another person, known as a Third Party and where you propose to pursue a legal claim against that party, laya healthcare will pay benefit in accordance with these rules provided that you (or the subscriber if you are under 18 years);

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- (i) Complete in full the third party section and sign the claim form which includes an undertaking to include all benefit paid by laya healthcare relating to any claim made against another party.
- (ii) Submit a fully completed undertaking, which will be relied on by laya healthcare once a copy of the Authorisation Form is received from the Personal Injuries Assessment Board, (refer to point iii), or from your solicitor in the form prescribed by laya healthcare: -"In consideration of laya healthcare discharging the eligible hospital and medical expenses of my/our client, I/we hereby understand to include as part of my/our client's claim the monies so paid by lava healthcare (details of which will be supplied by **laya healthcare**) and subject to any court order to the contrary to repay to **laya healthcare**, out of proceeds that come into our hands, all such monies paid by laya healthcare.'
- (iii) Notify **laya healthcare** in writing prior to the legal closure of the case.
- (iv) Provide laya healthcare with full written details of any settlement.

## **No Legal Action Proceedings**

Where a claim is not currently being pursued by you (or the subscriber if you are under 18 years), but in the future should you choose to proceed with a third party claim, or in the instance where our legal advisors advise us that expenses are recoverable from a third party, we will require you to:

- (i) Complete in full and sign the claim form which includes an undertaking to include all benefits paid by laya healthcare in any claim which may subsequently be made against a third party responsible for causing the injury and
- (ii) Immediately notify laya healthcare in writing of the outcome of any such claim and to repay the benefit paid by laya healthcare in full, subject to any court order to the contrary.

### Personal Injuries Assessment Board

Where **you** submit a claim to the Personal Injuries Board (PIAB), laya healthcare will pay benefit in accordance with these rules provided that **you** (or the subscriber if **you** are under 18 years) complete in full and sign the accident section of the claim form. This undertaking provided by **you** also authorises **laya healthcare** to provide PIAB with details of all monies paid by laya healthcare relating to **your** claim, and for **you** to provide **laya** healthcare details of PIAB's assessment. Where PIAB decides that the case is more appropriately dealt with by the court, due to some legal dispute and issues a letter of Authorisation, laya healthcare will rely on the undertaking that has been provided by **your** solicitor, in accordance with point 2(ii) above, and a copy of the Authorisation from PIAB to proceed to the courts.

## Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal Claims

If **you** are pursuing a claim through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal, laya healthcare will pay benefit in accordance with these rules provided that **you** (or the subscriber if **you** are under 18 years) complete in full and sign the accident section of the laya healthcare claim form and provide **laya healthcare** with a copy of the written confirmation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal. The undertaking provided by you also authorises laya healthcare to seek details of any settlement directly from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal and for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Tribunal to release this information to us. In circumstances where such a case is unsuccessful, lava healthcare will not seek a refund of the benefit paid.

### Unsuccessful/Withdrawn Claims

If a claim against a third party is not successful or is withdrawn, laya healthcare will not seek a refund of the benefit paid provided that you arrange for full written details of the case to be supplied by you from your solicitor to the satisfaction of laya healthcare outlining the reasons why the case was unsuccessful or was discontinued.

#### Disclosure

It is the responsibility of a member to disclose to laya healthcare full details of any action to be taken against a third party in relation to any incident/accident in respect of which laya healthcare has paid full benefit. Failure to do so will result in the refusal of any subsequent claims relating to the accident/incident.

# Data Protection Statement

Laya Healthcare Limited and Elips Insurance Limited act as joint data controllers in relation to information held about you for the purposes of the Data Protection Acts. You should show this notice to anyone who may be covered by your insurance policy with laya healthcare.

We will use the information **you** provide to manage and administer **your** insurance policy, including underwriting and claims handling and for money laundering prevention purposes. In order to provide **you** with products and services this information will be held in the data systems of **Laya Healthcare Limited** and Elips Insurance Limited or by our agents or subcontractors.

Information may also be shared with other insurers, either directly or through people acting for the insurer such as Investigators, where we are entitled to do so under the Data Protection Acts. We may pass contact details of female members aged between 50 and 64 years to the National Breast Screening Programme; if you have a problem with this please let us know when you contact us.

We may contact **you** with a reminder that **your** insurance is due to be renewed. All incoming and outgoing phone calls may be recorded or monitored for our joint protection and for training and quality purposes.

We take our security responsibilities seriously, employing the most appropriate physical and technical measures, including staff training and awareness. We review our security measures and procedures regularly.

It may be necessary for us to collect sensitive information (such as medical conditions) about **you** and others named on the insurance policy. By going ahead with this insurance **you** will be agreeing to us or our agents or other insurers processing that information. Before **you** provide sensitive information about others, **you** should make sure they have given their express consent.

Medical information will be kept confidential and may be disclosed, on a strictly confidential basis to those involved with **your** treatment or care or their health professional agents. However, anonymised data - that is, information which does not identify an individual - may be used by **laya healthcare**, or disclosed to others, for research or statistical purposes.

Access to non-medical information may be granted by **laya healthcare** to others on a strictly confidential basis in the course of and for the purpose of the efficient administration of **laya healthcare** (for example in connection with audit, systems development, managing or improving our services).

It is our policy to only take instructions to change a policy from the main member or from company secretaries where the company is administering or contributing to the cost of the **scheme**. In some cases we may also deal with other people who call on **your** behalf with **your** consent.

Laya healthcare would like to keep you informed about products and services they provide. If you would prefer not to receive this information from us, and have not previously advised us of this, please let us know when you contact us. Your information may also be used for these purposes after your policy has lapsed.

You have the right to request a copy of the information we hold about you by writing to our Information Protection Manager, at laya healthcare, Eastgate Road, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co Cork. Please review your information and contact us if you wish to make changes.

## 13. Tax relief

Under current Irish tax legislation **you** are entitled to income tax relief in respect of **your** subscription. Relief is given by us at source which means all our subscriptions are shown net of the standard rate of income tax.

# 14. The Financial Regulator

The Financial Regulator helps consumers to make informed and responsible decisions regarding their financial affairs in a safe and fair market. If **you** have any questions about **your** consumer rights contact 1890 777777 or visit www.financialregulator.ie.

## 15. Making a complaint

We intend to provide a first class service to our members at all times. However, if **you** are in any way dissatisfied, please phone or write to: The Head of Customer Service,

**Laya healthcare**, Eastgate Road, Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Co. Cork. Phone: **1890 700 890** 

If **you** remain dissatisfied **you** may appeal to the Managing Director by writing to him at the same address.

Laya healthcare takes part in the Insurance Ombudsman Scheme. If you are not satisfied with our decision or if we haven't given you a decision after 40 business days, you have the right to refer your complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman at: The Financial Services Ombudsman Bureau, 3rd Floor Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2, Phone: 1890 882090.

## Laya Healthcare StudentCare scheme table of benefits

## Benefit 1

General practitioner, psychiatric consultant and registered nurse charges for out-patient treatment at the UCD medical centre

We will pay up to the amount shown for the following charges for non-surgical **out-patient treatment** each **year**. We will pay these charges according to the **scheme** of which the person receiving the treatment is a member subject to the excess and annual limits shown.

### 1 Charges by General Practitioners

StudentCare
Up to €25 for four visits per year.

#### 2 Charges by a registered nurse

StudentCare
Up to €10 for two visits per year.

## Fees charged by a Psychiatric Consultant

StudentCare
Up to €40 for two visits per year.

## Excess and overall annual limits for members of StudentCare

We will pay valid claims for fees and charges covered under Benefit 1 for **treatment** that **you** receive each year up to **your** overall annual limit.

Your overall annual limit shall be €200 a year in aggregate. This is the maximum amount of benefits payable to you under Benefit 1.

Your excess shall be €1 of valid claims for treatment that you receive each year.

A valid claim means a claim for payment of fees and charges covered by Benefit 1 of not more

that the amount shown in the table of benefits as payable by **laya healthcare** for those fees and charges.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Please note that out-patient receipts will not be returned following assessment of **your** claim. Please retain copies of **your** receipts prior to submission, if **you** require these. We have confirmed with the Revenue Commissioners that the statement of **your** claims may be used to claim tax relief on expenses that are not paid by us. Simply send this statement to the Revenue Commissioners with a Med 1 form, which is available on www.revenue.ie/forms/med1.pdf. There is no longer a need for **you** to send **your** original receipts to the Revenue Commissioners to claim tax relief.

## Approved out-patient medical centre

#### **UCD Medical Centre**

First Floor, Student Centre Building, UCD Dublin 4. Contact 01 716 3133 /01 716 3143

# Student Assistance Programme

As a StudentCare member, **you** have access to **laya healthcare**'s Student Assistance Programme. This is a confidential and impartial telephone counselling and advice service.

The programme includes counsellor assistance available 24 hours and day, 365 days a year, including legal, consumer and financial advice. To access this service, please call 1800 650 138.















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At laya healthcare, we take particular pride in the quality and value of our schemes. Nowhere is this more important than in the benefits we have developed for our members. Our benefits include:

- Excellent maternity cover
- Complementary medicines
- Competitive prices
- Hospital cover
- Students and apprentices charged at a child rate
- · Online services
- · Cardiac and cancer cover

While every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this brochure, unfortunately laya healthcare cannot accept responsibility for any errors which may occur.

For further information: Call us in Cork on 1890 700 890 or 021 202 2000. visit our website on www.layahealthcare.ie or you can email info@layahealthcare.ie with any questions about your membership. In the interest of customer service, calls are recorded and monitored.

For information on **your** consumer rights, please contact the Health Insurance Authority at 01 406 0080 or visit www.hia.ie

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