

10th December 2021

Dear Valued Clients,

In 2020 Bomaid introduced a comprehensive Covid-19 Care Benefit that was open to all Bomaid Clients and dependants regardless of their chosen health plan. The decision to fully cover all Covid related illnesses demonstrated the Fund's commitment to preserving the life and wellbeing of the lives that we cover. We are happy that we have provided support to our beneficiaries when they were most vulnerable and the pandemic was at its worst with vaccines not being freely available.

The Government of Botswana has since declared that they have secured sufficient vaccines to cover the entire eligible population. We are grateful that the uptake of the vaccine has been positive propelling Botswana to one of the countries with the highest vaccination rates in Africa. Bomaid will continue to support the vaccination efforts of the Government and its quest to attain herd immunity and facilitate for the return to normalcy.

The Board of Trustees has made a decision that it would not be sustainable to continue to offer the Covid-19 Care Benefit to beneficiaries who are eligible for vaccination but have opted to NOT take the widely available Covid-19 vaccine. Therefore, from the 1st February 2022, funding for Covid-19 treatment will ONLY be available to Clients who are either ineligible for vaccination and those who are eligible for vaccination in line with the Government protocols and have been fully vaccinated as well as their dependents. Those eligible beneficiaries who have not vaccinated for medical reasons will be required to provide a supporting letter from a qualified medical practitioner.

There will, however, be a 45-day grace period for any new age cohorts added to the eligible vaccination groups to allow time to get vaccinated. After the grace period ends, any members in the new age groups who remain unvaccinated will similarly not be eligible for the Covid-19 Cover. The Fund will continue to cover all administration costs where applicable.

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Members are also advised that from 1st January 2022 Covid-19 treatment will be covered from the normal member benefits and, as such, health plan relevant tariffs and benefit limits will apply.

Please note that all other Bomaid benefits will remain unchanged regardless of vaccination status.

We continue to encourage all members eligible for Covid-19 vaccination to do so. Should you wish to engage further kindly contact our team at covid19@bomaid.co.bw

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, overlapping loops and a vertical stroke on the left side.

MORAKI MOKGOSANA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER