

Imperial Motus Med – Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Does Imperial and Motus Medical Aid provide benefits for Covid-19?

Yes. Imperial Motus Med's cover for the Covid-19 virus is aligned to prescribed minimum benefits, as stipulated and gazetted by the Council for Medical Schemes and aligned with National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) criteria.

Does Imperial Motus Med pay for Covid-19 testing?

Imperial Motus Med pays for Covid-19 testing in specific circumstances and in line with NICD criteria.

When will Covid-19 tests not be paid by Imperial Motus Med?

- Routine screening of beneficiaries who do not meet NICD criteria – *asymptomatic, unscreened and not referred*
- Beneficiaries requiring Covid-19 clearance to return to work – *asymptomatic, unscreened and not referred*
- Beneficiaries requiring *re-testing* to confirm recovery when asymptomatic
- Beneficiaries requiring a *second test within a period of five days* from the previous test

Will the Scheme fund more than one Covid-19 test per member?

Repeat tests will only be funded when a new episode is investigated seven days after the previous negative test and where the patient meets NICD criteria for testing. Repeat tests are subject to validation* of applicable clinical criteria.

I require an in-hospital procedure and my doctor has referred me for testing. Will this be paid by Imperial Motus Med?

Yes, Imperial Motus Med will pay for this test from major medical benefits, subject to pre-authorisation.

Do I need to register Covid-19 with the Scheme?

No. Claims from service providers for Covid-19 will be reviewed and paid based on specific ICD-10 and tariff codes reflected on claims.

Are there Imperial Motus Med designated service providers (DSPs) that I need to use for Covid-19 testing and treatment?

No. There are not specific DSPs for consultations or pathology for Covid-19. However, please note that the service provider arrangements currently in place on your plan for this and other conditions and diagnoses will still apply.

I paid cash at my provider for my Covid-19 test. Can I receive a refund?

Yes, subject to the submission of a valid claim and receipt to the Scheme and provided the services meet prescribed minimum benefit protocols, NICD criteria and are in line with the Scheme's mandate.

** Validation process: The validation process requires the member to contact the pre-authorisation line for authorisation to be considered depending on the symptoms experienced and confirmation of contact with a confirmed Covid-19-positive patient, as per NICD criteria.*

NICD criteria: Read more [here](#).