

# Request for ex-gratia High cost therapeutic drugs



High cost therapeutic drugs are not covered by Health Partners.

Whilst members have limited benefits for non PBS drugs under their hospital cover, Health Partners is under no obligation to pay benefits for these high cost therapeutic drugs in excess of the members' limits.

However, where possible, Health Partners seeks to work with the treating doctor to provide affordable access to prescribed treatment options which fall outside of fund benefits.

## Health Partners minimum conditions for submission of a request for ex-gratia funding

- Patient must have held Health Partners Membership with hospital cover for a period greater than 2 years.
- The proposed drug must be:
  - TGA approved
  - approved by an ethics committee (with constituency in accordance with NHMRC guidelines) for the proposed type of treatment
  - administered to the patient whilst they are admitted to hospital (day patient or overnight admission).
- The drug supplier must provide a discount on the usual cost of the proposed drug therapy.
- The prescribing doctor must agree to provide treatment to the patient with no gaps.
- All sections of this form must be completed by the prescribing doctor and all conditions met before submitting the request.

The below form is to be completed by the prescribing doctor.

### Patient details

Member number

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Name (first name)

(surname)

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Principal diagnosis

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### Surgical Procedures performed

..... Date / /

..... Date / /

..... Date / /

Has the patient been diagnosed with any other condition or comorbidities?

Yes  No

If yes, please provide details

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