

Dear Member,

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Extra Treatments & Enhanced Services available to You !

We are very mindful of the Health Insurance Market that we operate in. Across the Private Hospital Network, we continue to engage in partnerships to deliver the widest access to treatments for all our members. We would like to update you on some of the recent newer options that are available to you should you need medical treatment in a **Private Hospital** either as an In-Patient or a Day Case Treatment.

“Where should my Doctor refer me to for Treatment /Investigation?”

- The Bon Secours Hospitals - the largest private Healthcare Provider in Ireland- the Society has recently concluded an extensive contract with this group that covers both In-Patient care and Direct payment by the Society for **more** Outpatient Procedures.

Extensive List of Cover for In-Patient & Day Case Procedures available at the Bon Secours Glasnevin Dublin, Bon Secours Cork, Bon Secours Galway & Bon Secours Tralee

Other Private Hospitals where we have negotiated a wide range of both In-Patient & Outpatient Procedures are:

- St Vincent's Private Hospital Dublin-
- The Hermitage Clinic
- The Beacon Hospital
- Aut Even Hospital Kilkenny
- Clane General Hospital Kildare
- Barringtons Hospital Limerick

We continue to provide full cover at other locations & for Cardiac & Oncology in the Blackrock Clinic & the Mater Private – but remember all other treatments are at the 60% level of cover in these 2 Hospitals.

PUBLIC HOSPITALS – HSE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS / REGIONAL HOSPITALS

Of course we continue to cover you across the wide network of Public Hospitals in the country.

Sometimes you will access a Public Hospital for a scheduled operation, after attending a Consultant Privately – this is referred to as a “Planned Admission”.

BUT for the times that you access a **Public Hospital through “A &E”**, you may be asked to complete a form called a “Private Insurance Patient Form” otherwise known as “PIP”. Patients who attend Emergency A&E, by signing this form it does not guarantee you any different/preferential treatment or a Private Bed. Most of the time –Nothing will change (if you declare as a private patient) except that the Society will be billed **€813** a night instead of **€75 so be aware. MEMBERS MISTAKENLY SIGNING THIS FORM IS COSTING EACH FAMILY AN AVERAGE OF €135 PER YEAR IN INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

From Media reports, some hospitals are presenting this form to patients that have Health Insurance and are pressurizing patients to sign this form without understanding that there is no additional benefit or their right to treatment through the Accident & Emergency Department at €75 a day.

Ask the Question “What am I Going to get extra for signing this form? “

Of course we always like to hear from you, our members and can clarify any questions that you may have on hospital admissions. It is good to check with our offices if in doubt.

Yours Sincerely,

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Secretary