

## PRUSHIELD UPDATES RELATING TO COVID-19

(updated on 17 June 2021)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS**

Amidst COVID-19, travel restrictions were introduced by the Ministry of Health (“MOH”) on 27 March 2020. The travel restrictions and subsequent changes will impact the coverage we provide for COVID-19 related conditions and are updated in this FAQ.

**Q1 How will my PRUShield benefits be impacted with effect from 20 October 2020?**

All Singaporeans, Permanent Residents and Long-term Pass Holders, who travelled out of Singapore and are hospitalised for symptoms for COVID-19 within 14 days of their return, will receive cover on their PRUShield Plan, for COVID-19 treatment received on and after 20 Oct 2020 onwards, subject to the usual Terms & Conditions of the PRUShield policy.

For more information, please refer to point no. 22 on the announcement from MOH.

MOH’s media release : <https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/roadmap-to-phase-three> (item 19 to 23)

**Q2 Does this impact Foreigners who are not covered under MSHL (i.e. Non-Integrated Shield Plan)?**

Yes, this also applies to foreigners who have Non-Integrated Shield Plans which are MediSave approved, or other health insurance policies that have exclusions aligned to those of the MediShield Life Scheme (commonly known as Foreigner Shield Plans).

#### **COVID-19 IMPACT ON OUTPATIENT TELEMEDICINE CLAIM AND DAILY HOSPITAL INCENTIVE BENEFIT**

(updated on 6 May 2020)

**Q3 How will my PRUShield benefits be impacted with effect from 5 May 2020?**

With the latest media release announcements from Life Insurance Association of Singapore (“LIA”) on 5 May 2020, PRUShield will be extending coverage for outpatient telemedicine consultation under the pre-hospitalisation and post-hospitalisation benefit to provide additional support to our policyholders amid the COVID-19 pandemic and Singapore’s circuit breaker measures, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

In addition, we will be extending the PRUExtra’s Daily Hospital Incentive<sup>^</sup> benefit to Life Assureds who are diagnosed with COVID-19 and were admitted to Community Care Facility (CCF) or Community Recovery Facility (CRF) for up to 14 days after being transferred from a hospital, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

<sup>^</sup>Only available under PRUExtra Premier, PRUExtra Premier Saver, PRUExtra Premier Lite, PRUExtra Plus and PRUExtra Plus Lite.

(LIA’s media release: [https://www.lia.org.sg/media/2550/200505\\_lia-gia-release\\_extend-daily-hospital-cash-benefit-cover.pdf](https://www.lia.org.sg/media/2550/200505_lia-gia-release_extend-daily-hospital-cash-benefit-cover.pdf))

**Q4 When will this be effective?**

This will be effective from 5 May 2020 (date inclusive).

#### **OUTPATIENT TELEMEDICINE CLAIM**

**Q5 When will my outpatient telemedicine claim be admissible?**

The outpatient telemedicine claim will only be admissible under the pre-hospitalisation and/or post-hospitalisation benefit if the main claim is payable under the PRUShield plan, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefits.

Please refer to Q7 under this section for more information on the approved telemedicine providers covered by the PRUShield plan.



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**Q6 Do I need to be a COVID-19 patient to make a telemedicine claim?**

No. All policyholders who are diagnosed with a covered condition under the policy can make an eligible outpatient telemedicine claim under the pre-hospitalisation and/or post-hospitalisation benefit, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

Please refer to Q7 for more information on the approved telemedicine providers covered by the PRUShield plan.

**Q7 Which telemedicine provider is covered under PRUShield?**

PRUShield will only reimburse outpatient telemedicine claims from telemedicine providers that are approved by the MOH Regulatory Sandbox (ie MyDoc, SATA, etc) and restructured hospitals.

Please visit [https://www.moh.gov.sg/home/our-healthcare-system/licensing-experimentation-and-adaptation-programme-\(leap\)---a-moh-regulatory-sandbox](https://www.moh.gov.sg/home/our-healthcare-system/licensing-experimentation-and-adaptation-programme-(leap)---a-moh-regulatory-sandbox) for the full list of active sandbox providers.

**Q8 Will the delivery/courier fees of medication be covered under PRUShield?**

To provide additional support to our policyholders amid the COVID-19 pandemic and Singapore's circuit breaker measures, we will be reimbursing the one-time delivery/courier fees per telemedicine consultation up to 30 June 2020 (subject to changes, if necessary). We reserve the rights to cease the reimbursement of delivery/courier fees if deemed necessary.

Charges pertaining to re-delivery or additional courier services will not be reimbursed.

**Q9 How do I make a telemedicine claim?**

Please submit the following documents:

- Pre/Post Claim Form
- Invoice and proof of payment for telemedicine

Please note that the claim will be subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit. We reserve our rights to request for further information if deemed necessary for the purpose of claim assessment.

**DAILY HOSPITAL INCENTIVE CLAIM**

**Q10 Will Daily Hospital Incentive be payable to confirmed COVID-19 patients?**

Yes, Daily Hospital Incentive will be payable if you are a confirmed COVID-19 patient, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

However, it will not be payable if the Life Assured travelled out of Singapore on or after 27 March 2020, in disregard of prevailing travel advisories issued by MOH, including if they are admitted for suspected COVID-19 and have onset of symptoms within 14 days of returning to Singapore. This is unless you had travelled under MOH permitted travel arrangements OR receive COVID-19 treatment on and after 20 Oct 2020).

**Q11 Will Daily Hospital Incentive continue to be payable if I am a confirmed COVID-19 patient and I am being transferred to a Community Care Facility (CCF) or Community Recovery Facility (CMF) from a hospital?**

Yes, Daily Hospital Incentive will continue to be payable for your stay in a CCF or CRF, up to 14 days after you are transferred from a hospital, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

**Q12 Will I be able to claim the Daily Hospital Incentive if I am a not confirmed COVID-19 patient?**

If you are not a confirmed COVID-19 patient and you are hospitalised due to other medical conditions, the Daily Hospital Incentive continues to be payable, subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

**Q13 How do I make the Daily Hospital Incentive claim if I am admitted to a CCF or CRF?**

Please submit the following documents:

- PruExtra Claim form
- Hospital Discharge Summary
- Quarantine Order
- Revocable Order

Please note that the claim will be subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of the benefit. We reserve our rights to request for further information if deemed necessary for the purpose of claim assessment.



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## **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IMPACT ON PRUSHIELD POLICIES**

*(updated on 17 June 2021)*

### **Q1 Will my PRUShield plan cover adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccinations?**

Yes, we will provide coverage to Life Assured who are hospitalised due to adverse effects (such as a severe allergic reaction) from the COVID-19 vaccinations\*. There will be no change in premiums, and coverage is subject to the standard Terms and Conditions of their PRUShield plan.

\* The COVID-19 vaccination needs to be authorised by the Singapore Health Sciences Authority or under the Special Access Route and must be administered on the recommendation of a medical practitioner duly licensed by Singapore Medical Council.

Please note that outpatient treatment due to adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccinations will not be covered.

### **Q2 When will this be effective?**

From 13 January 2021 (date inclusive), PRUShield plans will cover adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccinations.

From 17 June 2021, PRUShield plans will also cover adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccines administered under the Special Access Route.

### **Q3 When will the coverage end?**

For COVID-19 vaccinations approved by the Singapore Health Sciences Authority, there is currently no deadline. Do note that terms and conditions may be updated from time to time.

For COVID-19 vaccinations under the Special Access Route, coverage will be provided till 31 December 2021.

### **Q4 How do I apply for this change?**

This change will apply automatically to all new and existing PRUShield policies. There is no further action required from you.

There will be no change in premiums to the PRUShield component of your Integrated Shield Plan with this change as well.

### **Q5 How do I make a claim if I have been hospitalised due to adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccination?**

As only inpatient hospitalisation (including Short Stay Ward) due to adverse effects from COVID-19 vaccinations is claimable, all claims must be e-filed from the hospital. Please note that the claim will be subjected to the Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

We reserve our rights to request further information if deemed necessary for the purpose of claim assessment.



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## **EXTENSION OF COVERAGE FOR DIRECT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT**

*(updated on 31 March 2021)*

### **Q1 How will my PRUShield benefits be impacted?**

From 13 January 2021, MediShield Life (MSHL) coverage was extended to patients who are directly admitted into Community Hospitals for COVID-19 management to reduce unnecessary admissions and ease the load at acute hospitals, especially for those who are clinically well.

To support the Singapore government's efforts in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, Prudential will also be extending our coverage to patients who are directly admitted to Community Hospital for COVID-19 management without any change in premiums with effect from 1 April 2021 (date inclusive) subjected to the usual Terms and Conditions of their PRUShield plan.

Prior to this announcement, MSHL and PRUShield only covers Community Hospitals stays for patients who are referred from an acute inpatient hospitalisation or from a restructured hospital's Emergency Department under the current guidelines and policy terms and conditions.

*Note: This arrangement will be extended to all residents in Singapore. However, only Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents will be covered under MSHL.*

### **Q2 When will this change be effective?**

This change will be effective from with effect from 1 April 2021 (date inclusive) and will apply automatically to all new and existing PRUShield policies.

### **Q3 How do I apply for this change?**

This change will apply automatically and no further action is required from the customer.

### **Q4 Is there any additional cost to the customer?**

There will be no change in premiums to the PRUShield component of the Integrated Shield Plan with this benefit as part of our commitment to helping the community combat COVID-19.

### **Q5 How do I make a claim if I am directly admitted to a Community Hospital stay for COVID-19 management?**

For patients who are eligible to claim for direct admission to Community Hospital for COVID-19 management, the claim must be e-filed from the Community Hospital. Please note that the claim will be subjected to the Terms and Conditions of the benefit.

We reserve our rights to request for further information if deemed necessary for claim assessment.

### **Q6 Will the policy terms and conditions be lifted for other Illness or Accident which requires direct admission to Community Hospital?**

No, the admission to Community Hospital will only be covered based on the usual policy terms and conditions mentioned in our policy document.