# MABS MUTUAL AID BENEFIT SCHEME

#### WHAT IS MABS

MABS is to assist the members and their families with medical benefits.

#### **RULES OF THE SCHEME**

# A. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

The applicant must continuously be a member of the FTU for the period of not less than twelve months with subscription of \$10.00 from MOE fully paid.

Please note: MABS financial year is from 1st August to 31st July.

#### **B. BENEFITS TO SPOUSE**

Where husband and wife are both in the teaching profession, it is compulsory for both to be financial members in order to be able to claim benefits.

Where one of the spouse is not in the teaching profession, benefits can be claimed on behalf of the spouse by the financial member.

# C. CHILDREN

Members' children who are under 21, fully dependent and unmarried, will be eligible to receive all MABS benefit, private practitioner service in accordance to the rules. Children who are full time students at tertiary institutions are eligible for the service till age 25

#### D. LOCAL PRIVATE PRACTITIONER SERVICE

Members and their spouses and children, as per the rules, will be seen by the designated Union Doctors. The member must obtain the Identity Card to qualify for this service. The Identity Card has to be presented to the doctor. The member has to sign for the service on the relevant form for all the visits. The standard normal rate for consultation paid by the Union is \$7.00 and the member is to pay \$3.00 upfront surcharge per consultancy. Any after hours fee above the normal rate charged by the doctor will have to be met by the member. For emergency cases, please seek medical service from your nearest Government Hospital.

# E. IMPORTANT POINTS

The scheme is governed through well-defined rules. Therefore, members should be aware of them. Payments are made in accordance with the rules

# Important rules often overlooked are:

- 1. Claims should be lodged within 30 days. (Claims processing period is 10 working days)
- 2. Referral letters must be obtained from FTU nominated doctors before seeing any specialist apart from (Dental and Eye Specialist)
- 3. A copy of the referral letter must be lodged with the claim at all times.
- 4. All claims must be submitted with original receipts (Hard copies).
- 5. FTU nominated doctors are only General Practitioners and not specialist therefore they cannot refer patients to themselves. This is a conflict of interest.
- 6. Spouses have to provide a consent letter with TPF number to allocate any payments from their MABS entitlement to one another.
- 7. Accommodation is not covered by MABS
- 8. Routine tests for preventive care are not covered by MABS.
- 9. IV drips and injections are also not covered
- 10. Any tests related to fertility (pregnancy) or infertility are not covered by MABS.

# LIST OF APPROVED UNION DOCTORS

Premium Care Medical Centre -Garden City – 8924230 -Nausori - 3477002.	GoodLife Medical Centre 3 Kings Building Main St Nausori Ph: 9300999/7666690 Shop 5, Takia Mall Labasa PH: 9300998/7666691	Dr Monita Sharma Shop 1 Tebara Plaza Nakasi PH: 3413151 PH: 9246879		Dr. Toyin awale Jenyo Nakasi h:7223848/ 9484748	8 N Pi	. Yogendra Prasad files makoi ı: 3343157 ıb:9371090	Dr La De Mai Health Mai 9208	evi koi n Care koi	Vuvale Medica Centre Duilomal a Road Sawan Ph: 235056	
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Samabula Medical Samabula Ph: 3370880	Dr.Sarika Chandra Bayly House Suva 3315888	Friendly Medical Centre Amy Street, Toorak Suva Ph:9954613 / 7388588	P Pad	r Mili Vadei O Box 224 cific Harbour Navua H: 9976592	;	hirendra Lal Sigatoka a: 6500242	Dr Saras Nandan Nadi Ph: 6702394		Dr.Med Labugue Medica Clinic Votuale Nadi Ph: 931190	
Dr Shaireen Prasad Guardian Medical Pte Ltd 1 Yawini St Lautoka Ph: 6650258 Ph: 7158914	Ba Medical Centre Dr Dur Samy Namoli Avenue Lautoka Ph:6652792 9494595	Dr Kaushal Kumar Life Care Medical Centre Lautoka Ph: 9754274	Dr F	stige Medical Center Ba Rodolfo Doton Ph:6671555 Ba9990102	DSI 2	Diva Singh // Centre Ba // Bank St Ba Town n: 9064735	Dr M.S.R. Dean Ba Town Ph:667835 Mob:9968795		Dr Ashar Rafic Ba 97346	
Dr Sundressan Pillay Family Care General Practitioners Labasa Ph:9418939	Dr Bharathee Bairam Labasa Ph: 8818755	Dr Mohamme Ishaq Savusavu Medical Ph: 850721/99817		Tailevu Far Medical Cer Shop 8 Jawah Bldg Tailevu Ph: 24739	nter nir Lal	Raina's Med Centre 1-7 Rewa St Flagstaff,Su Ph: 2357094	Ra Strret Gold Suva Med		m Γown ical	
Nine Miles Medical Highway Plaza, 9 1/2 Miles, Kings Rd, Nakasi Ph:902 6951 Sigatoka: Nayans Supermarket Kabisi	Dr Ram Raju Wailevu Diagnostic & Specialist Medical Pte Ltd Labasa Ph: 8817130	GoodLife Medi Centre Shop 5, Tak Mall Labasa PH: 930099 7666691	ia	Dr.Ranjit Si Tavua Ph:722923	_	Ultima HealthC Medical C Ground F Unit 4 Pr Plaza ComplexI Ratu Do Road, Nacin PH: 2833	are entre loor ime Lot 1 ovi dera,	Farooq Medical Centre Lot 6 Nasinu Rd Valelevu 9261646/ 7106410		

# **PAYMENTS**

#### i. **DIAGNOSTIC TEST**

Blood Tests, X-Ray, Scan, Lab Charges, or any other test done to find out a medical condition is referred to as diagnostic test. Member may claim annually a maximum of \$150.00 per member and family for one or more of the tests/services per family and member. Where both spouses are members, \$300.00 per family can be claimed. The claim supported by receipts to be lodged within a month of the treatment. No claim is payable for medical examination for migration purposes. Payment will be made only when the Union doctor has made a referral recommendation to a designated consultant at a hospital or practicing privately.

As at November 2017, ECG test done by Union doctors can be reimbursed by the scheme upon submitting original receipts

# iii DENTAL COVER

Dentist consultation fee, surgery of wisdom tooth only. Note that normal tooth extraction, filling and dentures are not covered.

#### iv OPTICAL COVER

Eye specialist consultation fee, eye surgery or treatment, eye tests. Note that we do not cover for eye glasses and lenses.

# RETIREMENT BENEFITS

10-14 years of continuous membership - \$ 150.00 15-19 years of continuous membership - \$ 300.00 20-24 years of continuous membership - \$ 600.00 25-29 years of continuous membership - \$1,000.00 30 years plus continuous membership - \$ 1200.00

# ii. SPECIALIST TESTS

Specialist consultation, treatment, surgery.

A maximum of \$1000.00 per member and family annually on the recommendation of the FTU doctor is permissible for standard specialist services outside the hospitals. Appointments with specialists can be facilitated by the secretariat .Specialist medication is covered.

FTU has its own Nominated Physiotherapist under specialists-Mr Nilesh Chand Elite Physio Care 22 Makosoi Drive Ratu Dovi Road Nsinu For appointments please call on Ph: 9299935

<u>Special Tests</u> – Treadmill, MRI, CT scan, Endoscopy and Echo will be paid In full and is not classified under basic diagnostic tests <u>specified</u> above

#### Referral Letters

Where doctors deem it necessary to refer patient for specialist attention an additional \$15.00 will be reimbursed to the member to meet the cost of the referral letter.

#### **HONORARY MEMBERS**

- As per rule 19 of FTU constitution, members who retire and wish to remain in the scheme should join in by paying honorary subs of \$96.00 within 30 days of retirement.
- ii. They will be eligible to private practitioner service.
- iii. They will not be entitled for Death Benefits.
- If both husband and wife were members of union, after retirement both should join honorary members in order to claim benefits.
- To claim for retirement benefit, the appropriate form must be filled together with MABS ID Card and retirement letter from MOE must be submitted.
- II. Members resigning for the purpose of migration are entitled to resignation benefit. However, those resigning to join other employment locally, are not entitled to resignation benefit.

# **DEATH BENEFIT**

 I.
 Member
 \$1000.00

 II.
 Spouse
 \$1000.00

 III.
 Child
 \$1000.00

 IV.
 Still born child or death at birth \$300.00

#### TRAVEL BENEFITS

Where referral by doctor requires travel to a specialist or diagnostic centre, The following rules apply:

- Ground travel within the two main Islands, member can claim travel cost equal to charges of a running cab.
- II. Where members are required to travel by sea or air, costs equaling sea or air travel may be reimbursed.
- III. Travel cost within the district is not reimbursable.
- IV. Receipts for travel, receipts for fuel or travel vouchers must be submitted for refund.
- V. Children under the age of 16 can be accompanied by 1Adult.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- For MABS ID Card enquiries contact secretariat 3314099/9928096 ftu@connect.com.fj
- 2. For MABS claims contact Rishika Chand -3314099/9928096- medical@ftu.com.fj
- 3. For Membership details contact Sangeeta Devi -3314099/9928096- membership@ftu.com.fj