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# MASM VIP PREMIER SCHEME

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**



## VISION

To be a market leader in the provision of affordable healthcare solutions to all



We endeavor to satisfy our members by providing innovative and affordable healthcare solutions through our wide network of service providers and efficient process.

## **CORE VALUES**

## INTEGRITY

Moral uprightness defines our way of doing business.

## EFFICIENT

Proficient process optimization to the satisfaction of our members and service providers



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## INNOVATIVE

Always finding best ways to serve members and service providers



## **CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE**

Members satisfaction is our top priority

## "Your ultimate healthcare solution"

# **VIP PREMIER** SCHEME BENEFITS

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MASM SCHEME BENEFITS TABLE	VIP PREMIER
Total Annual Benefit Limit per person	MWK 92,000,000.00
Monthly Contributions per person - Adult above 18	MWK 120,000.00
Monthly Contributions per person Child below 18	MWK 100,000.00
Territorial Limit	SADC, India, Egypt and Kenya

SER	VICES	COVERAGE	
Α.	Emergency Road Evacuation		
1 B.	Ground Ambulance Service within Malawi, subject to tariff. Blood Transfusion	100% cover	
1	Blood Transfusion (BLD)	100% up to annual overall benefit limit	
C.	Dentistry	Na sana ang kanalang	
1	General Dentistry.	100% up to limit of MK660,000 per annum.	
2	Dentures - once every 4 years	100% up to the above Dentistry limit, Prior Approval, booking and 12 months wait period.	
3	Crowns and Bridges with Lab costs - Once per tooth and once every 5 Years	100% up to the above Dentistry limit, Prior Approval, booking and 12 months wait period.	
4	In-lays and On-lays allowed on one tooth every 4years	100% up to the above Dentistry limit, Prior Approval, booking and 12 months wait period.	
5	Implants Orthodontic/Braces - Once per lifetime and not	Not Covered 100% up to the above Dentistry limit, booking and 12	
6	for members older than 21 years	months wait period	
D.	Drugs		
1	Local and Foreign Prescriptions including Essential Drug List (EDL), Normal Branded Drugs (NBD), Normal Generic Drugs (NGD), approved range of Vaccines (VAC), Anti-Retro Viro Drugs (ARV), Fertility Drugs (FER), and approved range of Over- the-Counter Drugs (OTC)	MK605,000 per annum	
а	GP, Private, Pharmacies, Mission and Government hospitals	100% subject to above sublimit	
b	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above sublimit	
2	Chronic Drugs; CGD and CBD both local and foreign	MK1,700.000 per annum, and 12 months wait period.	
а	GP, Private, Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above sublimit	
b	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above sublimit	
3	Non-Payable Drugs (NPD) e.g., Contraceptives, Malaria prophylaxis, excluded vaccines, antiseptics, food Supplements, slimming tablets, vitamins, herbal products, and other ranges of OTCs.	Not Covered	
Ε.	Foreign Treatment - SADC Region, India, Egypt & K	enya	
1	Foreign Treatment for approved referrals	100% up to limit of MK19,500,000 per annum, 12 months wait period and pre- authorisation.	

SER	VICES	COVERAGE	
E.	Foreign Treatment - SADC Region, India, Egypt & Ke	enya	
2	Repatriation of remains to Malawi, for approved referrals	MK4,000,000	
F	Hospitalization for Medical and Surgical Procedures, Theatre fee, Anaesthetic charges & Surgical sundries		
1	Minor Procedures (MIN)	100% up to annual maximum benefit limit.	
2	Hospitalisation including, Major Procedures (MAJ), Anaesthetics (ANA), Sundries (SUN), Ward Fees (WRD), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), laboratory and Drugs	100% up to annual maximum benefit limit, pre- authorisation and 3 months wait period.	
3 4	Maxilo-facial Surgery Home Based Care (HBC)	100% up to limit of MK3,000,000.00, prior approval, booking and 12 months wait period. 100% up to limit of MK545,000 per annum, pre- authorisation and 12 months wait period.	
G.	Obstetrics Cover - Maternity		
1	Obstetrics cover including ante- natal care Limited to 8 visits and post-natal care Limited to 2 visits.	100% up to benefit limit, every 2 years, and 12 months wait period.	
2	Obstetric scan (OBS)	MK150,000 every 2 years, booking and 12 months wait period.	
а	GP, Mission, and Government hospital	100% of stipulated limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% of stipulated limit	
с	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to stipulated limit	
3	Normal Delivery Limited to one birth every two years	100% subject to limit, pre- authorisation and 12 months wait period.	
4	Caesarean Section Limited to one birth every two years.	100% subject to limit, pre- authorisation and 12 months wait period.	
5	Neonate care	100% up to MK10,000,000 subject to agreed tariff, pre- authorisation and maternal 12 months wait period. (Shortfalls apply for OPD services in Premier Hospitals)	
Н.	Ophthalmology		
а	Ophthalmology Procedures (OPT)	MK4,550,000 limit per annum, pre-authorisation and 3 months wait period on acute illness and 12 months wait period on Chronic illness	
b	GP, Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
с	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
2	Optical Equipment (OPE) / Spectacles - every 2 Years	100% up to MK250,000 limit every 2 years, pre- authorisation and 12 months wait period.	

SERVICES		COVERAGE	
1	Consultation - Limited to one consultation per		
	day per condition	MK440,000 per annum subject to tariff.	
1	Consultation (CON)		
а	GP, Mission, and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
с	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
2	Specialist Consultation (local); Physician, Psychiatrist, Ophthalmologist, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Paediatrician, etc.	Up to the above Consultation limit, referral and 3 months wait period	
а	Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
с	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
3	Specialist Consultation (Visiting)	Consultation limit, pre-authorisation and 12 months wait period	
а	Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
с	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
J.	Rehabilitation Therapies		
1	Physiotherapy (PHY)	MK595,000per annum, referral and booking.	
2	Speech Therapy	MK550,000 per annum, referral, and preauthorization.	
3	Occupational Therapy	MK550,000 per annum, referral, and preauthorization.	
а	Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
С	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	

SERVICES		COVERAGE	
K	Laboratory & Body Scans		
1	Laboratory (LAB)	MK600,000 per annum.	
а	GP, Mission, and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
С	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
2	Specialised laboratory	100% subject to the limit of MK1,000,000 per annum, referral and preauth and 12 months wait period	
3	Radiology (RAD)	MK280,000 per annum.	
а	Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above limit	
С	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
4	CT Scan (CTS)	Requested by Specialist Doctors only, MK750,000 per annum and 12 months wait period.	
а	Private, Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
5	MRI Scan - (MRI)	Requested by Specialist Doctors only, MK1,300,000 per annum, booking and 12 months wait period.	
а	Private, Mission and Government hospital	100% subject to above limit	
b	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above limit	
L	Hearing Aids		
1	Hearing Aids (EAR) - Once every 3 years	100% up to limit of MK800,000 every 3 years, and 24 months wait period.	
М	Kidney Disease		
1	Dialysis (DIA)	100% up to MK26,400,000, Pre-Authorization and 24 months wait period.	
2	Anti- reject drugs	100% subject to above dialysis benefit limit, Pre- Authorization, and 24 months wait period.	
а	Private hospitals and clinics	100% subject to above dialysis benefit limit, Pre- Authorization, and 24 months wait period.	
b	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% subject to above dialysis benefit limit, Pre- Authorization, and 24 months wait period.	
Ν	Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services		
	Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services	100% up to limit of MK1,250,000 per annum, booking and 3 months wait period.	

SER	VICES	COVERAGE	
0	Funeral Benefit		
1	Funeral Benefit (FUN)	Funeral Benefit provided as a service up to MK1,500,000 subject to 6 months wait period.	
	Orthopaedics		
1	Major Orthopaedics (ORT) - i.e. Hip and knee replacements	100% up to limit of MK6,250,000 per annum and 24 months wait period.	
2	Minor Orthopaedic procedures	100% up to the above Orthopaedic limit subject to tariff and 3 months wait period.	
Q	Orthopaedic Appliances		
1	Prosthesis	100% up to limit of MK1,000,000 per annum subject to tariff & 12 months wait period.	
2	General Orthopaedic Appliances	100% up to the above Orthopaedic Appliances limit	
R	Oncology		
1	Cancer Treatment (ONC) including chemotherapy and radiotherapy - Government & Mission hospitals, Private and pharmacies	100% up to MK22,000,000, Pre-Authorization and 24 months wait period.	
b	Private hospitals and clinics	100% up to above benefit limit, Pre-Authorization and 24 months wait period.	
С	Private Premier Hospitals/All Specialists in all Hospitals	100% up to above benefit limit, Pre-Authorization and 24 months wait period.	
	PANDEMIC Benefit subject to Government		
а	recomendation In patient Pandemic management	100% up to MK5,000,000 subject to tariff, Pre-	
a	in patient i andemic management	Authorization and 3 months wait period.	
b	In patient Pandemic Laboratory	100% subject to above Pandemic benefit limit and tariff.	
с	Outpatient Pandemic management	100% subject to above Pandemic benefit limit and tariff.	
d	Outpatient Pandemic Laboratory	100% subject to above Pandemic benefit limit and tariff.	



The Medical Aid Society of Malawi (MASM) is a member owned organization whose funds are through member contributions hence the funds are limited and in dire need of good stewardship. MASM offers its services only through its various products which have a well-defined scope of overage. The Medical Aid Society of Malawi shall not be liable for payment of the following

1	ADM	SSIONS
	i.	Admitting MASM members without Pre-authorization.
	ii.	Private wards - coverage will be up to the price charged for the general ward and
		the difference will be charged as excess to be borne by the member.
	iii.	Guardian's fees – all guardian expenses are excluded.
	iv.	Meals - these are already included in the ward fees.
	v.	Admission before the expiry of the admission wait period.
	vi.	Nursing fee - this is already factored in the treatment fees.
2		TMENT BY GENERAL PRACTITIONER
	i.	Treatment provided to members by a medical practitioner not registered with MASM.
	ii.	Treatment provided to member by a medical practitioner not registered with any
		appropriate regulatory authority e.g. Medical Council of Malawi.
3	SPECI	ALIST TREATMENT
	RESID	
	i.	Specialist treatment is given to members without referral from a primary care
		provider, another specialist, or a medical institution.
	ii.	A referral letter without any medical indication.
	iii.	A referral letter evidently provided on member's request.
	iv.	Minor or major procedures rendered without pre-authorization.
	٧.	Treatment rendered to members before the expiry of the applicable wait period.
	VISITI	NG FOREIGN SPECIALIST
	i.	Medical services rendered to members who have been on MASM for less than twelve
		consecutive months.
	ii.	Where a member does not have an approval from MASM.
	iii.	Treatment provided to non-qualifying members as per Scheme rules.
	FORE	EIGN SPECIALIST REFERRALS
	i.	Treatment is available locally, for example physiotherapy, maternity, dental etc.
	ii.	Foreign medical treatment or medical services not approved by MASM.
	iii.	Specialist treatment given to members without referral letter from a local specialist
		of appropriate and relevant discipline. For example, a physician referring an
		orthopaedic case.
	iv.	Where a referral letter has no medical indication.
	٧.	Where a referral letter is evidently provided on member's request.
	vi.	Miscellaneous expenses which are non-medical in nature; for example, telephones,
		taxes such as value added tax (VAT), bank charges, hotel accommodation etc.
		Members are encouraged to claim VAT or any refundable taxes at ports of exit in
		relevant countries.
	vii.	Self-referrals are not covered.

4	MATE	RNITY SERVICES
	i.	Accessing maternity services without prior approval from MASM.
	ii.	In cases where maternity limit has been exhausted.
	iii.	Where members have not been on MASM for 12 consecutive months.
	iv.	Where member conceives and delivers within 24 consecutive months from last
		delivery on MASM.
	٧.	Foreign maternity services.
5	DENT	AL TREATMENT
	i.	Dental floss and mouth wash.
	ii.	Accessing specialized dental treatment before 12 months waiting period has
		elapsed.
	iii.	Orthodontic treatment provided without booking/pre-authorization by MASM.
	iv.	Dental implants
	۷.	Accessing Orthodontic treatment after the age of 21 years.
	vi.	Foreign Dental Services.
	vii.	Lingual orthodontics.
	viii.	Dental appliances for habit breaking.
	ix.	Periodontal surgery.
	х.	Cosmetic procedures such as bleaching, resin and porcelain inlays, laminate
		veneers.
	xi.	Oral hygiene instructions and caries susceptibility tests.
	xii.	Electro-gnathographic recordings.
	xiii.	Hospitalization for orthodontic related surgery
	xiv.	Orthodontic re-treatment.
	XV.	Bone regeneration procedures for compensation of dento-alveolar bone loss,
		including sinus lift procedures.
	xvi.	Endodontic procedures on primary teeth.
	xvii.	Orthognathic (jaw) surgery for realignment of teeth. Exceptions are severe facial
		deformity caused by trauma. Benefits shall be vetted and determined by MASM.
	xviii.	Fissure sealants.
6	MEDI	CINES/DRUGS
	i.	ARVS (antiretroviral drugs) not covered by MBCH or NAC.
	ii.	Drugs not registered with the Poisons and Medicines Regulatory Authority of Malawi.
	iii.	Courier charges for importation of continuation medicines
	iv.	Prophylactic treatment such as but not limited to malarial prophylaxes,
		contraceptives, vaccines
	۷.	covered by Government for free and travel vaccines.
	vi.	Slimming/weight loss tablets.
	vii.	Antiseptics and disinfectants e.g., Dettol solution.
	viii.	Cosmetics.
	ix.	Over the counter drugs e.g., food supplements, vitamins, herbal remedies, immune
		boosters etc.
	х.	Chronic medicines claimed before the member has clocked 12 consecutive months
		on the schemes.
	xi.	Isotretinoin and all Vitamin A derivatives.

7	ORTHOPAEDIC APPLIANCES	
	No awa	rds will be made in respect of:
	i.	Limb prosthetics after amputation.
	ii.	Repairs or adjustments of appliances which were not covered by MASM.
	iii.	Labour charges and technicians' fees related to excluded appliances.
	iv.	Footwear raises, inserts wedges pads, toe-tips and caps.
	v.	Walking sticks, bath aids, etc. Toilet raisers.
8	OTHE	R OUTPATIENT APPLIANCES OR EQUIPMENT
	i.	Equipment commonly used for non- medical purposes.
	ii.	Blood pressure monitoring machines.
	iii.	Blood sugar monitoring machines
	iv.	Air humidifiers, CPAP machines
	v.	Oxygen concentrator or cylinder
	vi.	Expenses incurred for eyeglasses, or contact lenses not used for the correction of
		vision are excluded for lack of medical indication, e.g. Plano lens prescriptions,
		sunglasses.
	vii.	Sleeping devices and all other associated appliances for sleep treatments.
	viii.	Any equipment not explicitly stated that it is covered under a MASM product.
9		RAL EXCLUSIONS
	i.	Treatment or equipment not specified that it is covered under different
		MASM Scheme products.
	ii.	Treatment of cosmetic nature {plastic surgery} e.g., face lifts, breast
		adjustments, keloid removal, liposuction, limb prosthetics after amputation
		etc. Treatment received at these cosmetic clinics and any investigations
		arising from such consultations are excluded. Acne - its diagnosis,
		treatment and any form of its management.
	iii.	Medical examinations for employment, insurance, education, immigration,
		travel purposes or vacation.
	iv.	Treatment for which cost is recoverable in law from any other body, party or
	10.	an insurance policy.
	٧.	Treatment or death arising from any willful or deliberate self-inflicted injury
	۷.	or any attempted threat, negligence, suicide attempt.
	vi.	Injuries arising from breaking the law e.g., injuries arising while robbing.
	vii.	Injuries arising from participation in hazardous sport or any sport for monetary
	vii.	gain.
	viii.	Services which are available free or at a nominal charge e.g., family planning
	viii.	services, under-five clinic services, under-five EPI vaccines. Mandatory
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		vaccines for other countries will not be covered by MASM.
	ix.	Treatment or services for which limit of benefit in a specified period has been
		exhausted by the beneficiary.
	х.	Treatment or services which have been specifically excluded under a Scheme
		product.
	xi.	Geriatric care.
	xii.	Out of date claims i.e., claims submitted to the society by either service
		provider or member for payment after 90 days from date of treatment.
	xiii.	Provider queries submitted after 90 days of payment.

### 9 GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

i. Air tickets.

ii. Complementary or alternative medicine/treatment such as hypnotics, herbalists, traditional healers, homeopaths, naturopaths, osteopaths, acupuncturists e.t.c.

- iii. Treatment by family members, or to relatives of the treating doctor or any form of auto-therapy.
- Treatment for pre-existing conditions or their complications before expiry of applicable waiting periods e.g., cancer, diabetes, hypertension, renal failure, pregnancy, joint replacements etc.
- v. Accommodation or treatment received at slimming clinics or such.
- vi. Bariatric surgery for weight loss or its variations for example gastric (stomach) bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, adjustable gastric band, stomach stapling and liposuction. These are all excluded whether there are other medical conditions related to or caused by obesity or not.
- vii. Novel treatments of questionable validity or treatments in experimental stages.
- viii. Congenital conditions and treatment of their sequels such as mental retardation and learning disabilities.
- ix. When a hospital admission (local or foreign) or foreign treatment lapses over into a new benefit year, the benefits applicable at the start of treatment shall apply for the whole duration of the sickness. Once the old year benefits are exhausted during the admission, the benefits from the new year will be applicable in a prorated manner, month-wise.
- x. Hyperbaric oxygen treatment/oxygen tent
- xi. Illnesses during personal/business foreign trips or foreign schooling. Members are encouraged to obtain separate medical travel insurance from other providers.

#### **10 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

- i. Birth/death medical reports
- ii. Genetic (DNA) testing/screening for existence of hereditary problems or for paternity tests.
- iii. Work-related examinations and reports.
- iv. Private nursing
- v. Screening tests for blood, organ, or tissue donors even if a donor is a member.
- vi. Treatment at Screening clinics. The industry regulatory authority deems treatment at outreach posts medical negligence and assault as these are carried out at unregistered premises and without written consent of the subject e.g., Cost of Spectacles obtained from conduction of office campaigns will not be honoured by MASM.
- vii. Home Based Care
  - Without a motivational letter or specialist recommendation specifying the kind of treatment needed.
  - b. Administered by a practitioner not registered with MASM and Medical Council of Malawi as a Home-based care provider.

#### 10 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

- c. In the absence of a registered home-based care provider, a written consent between the provider and the patient must be submitted absolving MASM for any eventualities.
- d. Home Based Care benefit will only be for the medical treatment. Transportation costs will be borne by the family.

#### 12 NEW PANDEMICS, FORMIDABLE EPIDEMICS, AND EMERGING DISEASES

- i. Emerging diseases are reportable to the Government whose treatment guidelines are not established nationally.
- ii. Pandemic diseases and formidable epidemics are under the coverage of Government by law (Public Health Act, sections 12 and 30). MASM is subject to that law. However, with time, some pandemics might become endemic, for example HIV/AIDS, and covid 19. When such is the case, MASM will monitor the government directives permitting private health facilities to cover pandemic diseases because of lack of capacity. With time, MASM may advise special coverage at a benefit-limit sustainable to the Society, after an analysis.

"The interpretation of all the above rules in this brochure is as applied or operationalized by MASM. The letter and intent of these rules solely rests with MASM. If there are any doubts as to the applicability of these rules, please consult MASM before risking on a medical transaction which you are not sure whether MASM will cover or not. Where possible insist on a preauthorization letter or email from MASM".



## DO NOT LEAVE THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT KNOWING & SIGNING FOR YOUR BILL

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## MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION SIMPLIFIED WITH BIOMETRIC SYSTEM

MASM has introduced biometric system for membership verification through e-claims.

## PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION WITH THESE FEW STEPS

At the desk, produce your MASM membership number and National ID.

The desk officer will initiate scanning. Insert your ID into the scanner to populate your identity details.

Face the camera for the desk officer to capture your face ID.

Place your left-hand index finger on the scanner followed by your middle finger to record your fingerprint and repeat this process with your right hand.



Once successful, your membership verification process has instantly been made easy.

You may now use face verification, fingerprint verification or OTP on your phone to access your MASM benefits during hospital visits.

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## SEND HEALING HOME

Cover your loved one's health at home through MASM in diaspora.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

#### Enroll

Choose the appropriate MASM health insurance plan based on the needs of your loved ones. Contact MASM to get detailed information and assistance with enrollment.

#### 2 Make Payments

Initial 3 months payment contribution can be conveniently made through the First Capital Bank Malawi MASM account. (and others)



💤 To enroll in one of our health insurance plans, please contact MASM directly on **infodesk@masm.mw** or visit our website masm.mw.

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