

Maximum Deductibles on Medications for Members with Chronic Illnesses

Maccabi members who are recognized as having a chronic illness pay a limited co-payment on medications included in the Health Basket. ***

Recognition of members with a chronic illness

Members who need at least one medication or a combination of medications for a consecutive period of at least six months; or members who receive regular treatment due to an illness listed in the List of Chronic Illnesses ** defined by the Ministry of Health; or members who are treated with a monthly dosage of a medicine that appears in the list defined by the Ministry of Health.

How to obtain status as a member with a chronic illness?

Members should submit a letter from their physician describing in detail their medical condition, the diagnoses and all the treatment medications, directly to the Maccabi clinic office or "No-Queue" box. This document will be transferred for the approval of the medical director of the branch. When approval is obtained, the member's status is arranged and members will receive written notice by mail.

What is the maximum amount of the co-payment?

Members defined as having a chronic illness pay a co-payment on all the medications in the Health Basket up to an amount of NIS 1,506* per each half-year period (January-June; July-December).

If members have a standing payment order and pay physician visit co-payments directly through their bank account, co-payments are billed in six fixed monthly installments of up to NIS 251 each* In average

Otherwise, members will pay the required co-payment directly at the pharmacy, and submit an application to the Maccabi office for reimbursement of any amount paid that exceeds the semi-annual deductible maximum.

*Notes:

This amount is correct as of April 1, 2008. This amount is amended from time to time.

*** If total co-payments for medications in the Health Basket for a half-year are less than the maximum amount of NIS 1,506, members are not eligible for any reimbursement, and no application to the Maccabi clinic is necessary.

For further information, please contact Moked Maccabi Non-Stop, Tel: 1-700-50-53-53 or *3555.

**List of chronic illnesses:

1. AIDS
2. Addison's disease
3. Colitis ulcerosa
4. Cystic Fibrosis CF
5. Dialysis patient
6. Familial Mediterranean Fever – FMF
7. Prostate hypertrophy
8. Hypoparathyroidism
9. Multiple sclerosis
10. Myasthenia gravis
11. Wilson's disease

12. Thalassemia
13. Transplanted patient
14. Gaucher`s disease
15. Chronic psychotic disease
16. Neoplastic disease
17. Hemophilia
18. Chronic liver disease
19. Chronic congestive heart failure
20. Parkinson`s disease
21. Alzheimer`s disease
22. Dysautonomia
23. Ataxia - Telangiectasia

The following illnesses were recently added to this list:

- a. Chronic rheumatic diseases
 - Rheumatoid arthritis
 - Psoriatic arthritis
 - Polymyalgia rheumatica
- b. Osteoarthritis, degenerative joint diseases that require ongoing treatment
- c. Spondyloarthropathies
 - Ankylosing spondylitis
 - Reactive arthritis
 - Arthritis associated with inflammatory bowel diseases
 - Undifferentiated spondyloarthropathy
- d. Chronic autoimmune diseases
 - Systemic lupus erythematosus
 - Anti-phospholipid syndrome
 - Systemic sclErosis (scleroderma)
 - Mixed connective tissue disease
 - Polymyositis, dermatomyositis
 - Relapsing polychondritis
- e. Chronic crystal-induced arthritis
 - Gout
 - CPPd (calcium pyrophosphate dehydrate deposition diseases)
- f. Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
 - Pauciarticular JIA or JRA
 - Polyarticular JIA or JRA
 - Systemic onset (Still) JIA or JRA
 - Juvenile spondyloarthropathy
- g. Vasculitis
 - Polyarteritis nodosa
 - Microscopic polyangitis
 - Churg Strauss vasculitis
 - Giant cell arteritis
 - Wegener granulomatosis
 - Takayasu disease
 - Behcet disease

- h. Resistant Familial Mediterranean Fever
Systemic amyloidosis
- i. Fibromyalgia – requiring ongoing treatment.

****Maximum deductible amounts apply to the following list of medical agents:**

Anticonvulsants agents
Anticoagulants agents
Antidiabetic agents
Antidepressants agents
Antimanic agents
Antineoplastic agents
Antilipemic agents
Antiparkinsonian agents
Antituberculars agents
Cardiac drugs
Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors and diuretics & potassium chloride
Hypotensive agents
Pituitary
Antiglaucoma agents
Thyroid and antithyroid agents
Uricosuric agents and colchicin
Vasodilating agents