

Platinum Health to dispense six months chronic medicine as a precautionary measure



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Platinum Health Medical Scheme (PHMS) has decided to dispense six months chronic medicine to all members and dependants registered on the chronic disease program as a precautionary measure for the following reasons:

1. Should there be widescale outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus) there could be shortage of certain chronic medicine, should factories (in South Africa and/or elsewhere in the world) close down. This could compromise the healthcare of beneficiaries.
2. In accordance with the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance, patients with chronic medical conditions (such as HIV, high blood pressure, heart and lung disease, cancer and diabetes) are at greater risk of developing serious illness. In the event of widescale community outbreak we want to reduce the exposure of chronic patients and therefore not want to expose high risk patients unnecessarily by visiting the pharmacies and medical facilities to collect chronic medicine.
3. Patients are urged to ensure that they strictly comply with the chronic prescription and drink medicine daily to ensure they do not expose themselves to undue risk.
4. Chronic medicine should not be exposed to extreme conditions (40 degree Celsius and higher) as it may influence the efficacy of the medicine.

