

Emergency Services

Who we are

LA Health Medical Scheme (referred to as 'the Scheme'), registration number 1145, is a non-profit organisation, registered with the Council for Medical Schemes.

Discovery Health (Pty) Ltd (referred to as 'the Administrator') is a separate company and an authorised financial services provider (registration number 1997/013480/07). We take care of the administration of your membership for the Scheme.

How you are covered in an emergency

Through our medical emergency transport benefit, we ensure you have access to timeous, optimal patient care in emergencies. Calls are managed by highly qualified emergency personnel who assess each case and initiate the most appropriate air or road evacuations based on protocols and resources available within a specific geographical area.

This benefit is covered up to 100% of cost up to the LA Health Rate from your Major Medical Benefit (MMB).

When you have an emergency:

- Call 0860 999 911, Discovery 911, operated by Netcare 911, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Your call will connect with highly qualified emergency personnel.
- We will immediately dispatch the most appropriate medical emergency service within your geographic area.
- Medically necessary emergency transport is covered from your MMB.

Emergency Transport

You receive cover for:

- Emergency transfers from the scene of an accident, or from the location where you became ill or injured, to the nearest, appropriate medical facility.
- Emergency transfers from one medical facility to another, where you need to be moved to a medical facility that is better equipped to deal with your care.

Transfer may be through road or air ambulance, if the clinical entry criteria are met.

Emergency Assist

By downloading the Discovery App, you have access to our cellphone-based panic alert system in an emergency.

As soon as you push “Emergency Assist” you have two options: call me back or call an emergency operator.

This service signals an alarm without requiring verbal identification. By activating this panic alert, you will be contacted immediately and if there is no response, we will use our technology to locate you via GPS, providing you have turned on your GPS. A medical emergency vehicle will be dispatched.

Contact us

You can contact us on 0860 103 933 or visit www.lahealth.co.za for more information.

Complaints process

You may lodge a complaint or query with LA Health Medical Scheme directly on 0860 103 933 address a complaint in writing to the Principal Officer at the Scheme’s registered address. Should your complaint remain unresolved, you may lodge a formal dispute by following the Scheme’s internal disputes process.

You may, as a last resort, approach the Council for Medical Schemes for assistance: Council for Medical Schemes Complaints Unit, Block A, Eco Glades 2 Office Park, 420 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Eco Park, Centurion, 0157 / 0861 123 267 / complaints@medicalschemes.co.za / www.medicalschemes.co.za.