04. TMS HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE

Eligibility: All Tibetans in exile who come under the direct care of the Tibetan Voluntary Health Association (TVHA) Conditions Apply: A normal household unit with additional members shall have to pay extra individual voluntary contribution but the coverage will remain same. A household with one individual member is eligible for individual plan and has to pay voluntary contribution as per the norms.

Institutional households:
  a) Monasteries must group their members from two to five to form sub group to avail the benefits.
  b) Old People Homes must group their members up to five to form a sub group to avail the benefits.

Coverage: Treatment arising from Accident or illness where a TMS member has to hospitalize more than 24 hours and includes:

Period of Cover: From 1st April to 31st March.

05. BENEFIT AND CONTRIBUTION

There are only two plans available for which all TMS benefits can be sought and guaranteed-The household unit plan and the individual plan.

* A household is essentially defined as a group of individuals bonded together by a common Tibetan socio-economic relationship. A household unit would normally comprise of the head, spouse, and up to three dependents. The dependents would include children or parents of the head or spouse listed as a part of the family in CTA databases. Although related, if parents are living separately, they shall be eligible only or separate registration.

The Household Unit Plan (HUP):

Benefits & Contribution

A household plan implies that all benefits available under TMS can be availed by any member of the household individually or collectively up to the maximum household cap allotted on floater basis. The annual contribution for a household plan is Rs 4300.
The Household plan covers all secondary and tertiary illness and surgeries up to the benefit limit of Rs. 150,000.
It does not have any age restrictions or exclusion of health condition/disease.
Any addition of family members during the term of the Health Plan period is not allowed.

**The individual Plan: Benefits**
This individual plan is designed exclusively to provide coverage with suitable benefits to a household consisting of a single member. The annual contribution for an individual plan is Rs. 1100.

**Individual Plan-Benefits & Contribution**
The individual plan covers all secondary and tertiary illnesses and surgeries up to the benefit limit of Rs75,000. It does not have any age restrictions or exclusion of pre-existing health condition/disease. No additional member whether related or unrelated is allowed under this category.

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*Contribution for family with up to 5 members. Each additional member has to contribute Rs. 860/-extra with benefit limit remaining same i.e. Rs. 150,000.

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Maternity and Newborn Children covered, subject to conditions. Benefit is on a family floater basis, which means that the total benefit amount (Rs 150,000) can be used by one person or jointly with other members of the family.

Age Limit: There is no lower or upper age limit for coverage. The entire amount collected through contribution goes entirely for the benefits of the community. e.g. no agent commission etc. No underwriting is done since it is a community based-benefit Health scheme.

There is no waiting period of any types of medical treatments (e.g. cataract, gallstone or pregnancy) and you can start availing benefits from day one of the benefit period.

There are subsidized contribution for vulnerable families and individuals.

06. EXPENSES NOT COVERED UNDER TMS HEALTH PLAN (EXCLUSIONS)

a) Plan Exclusions
I. Out-Patient Treatment
II. Hospitalization specifically for evaluation, Investigations. For example tests like Electrophysiology Study (EPS), Holter monitoring, sleep study etc.
III. Prosthetics and other devices NOT implanted internally by surgery.
IV. Any conditions which are NOT the same as the condition for which hospitalization was required.
V. Treatment availed outside India.
b) General- Medical Exclusions (Following medical expenses are not covered under TMS)

I. Cost related to birth control or pregnancy prevention.

II. Circumcision unless necessary for the treatment of an illness or required as a result of Accident Bodily Injury.

III. Tubectomy, Vasectomy, sex change or treatment, which result from, or is in any way related to sex change. Hormone replacement therapy.

IV. Vaccination, inoculation, cosmetic treatments (including any complication arising out of or howsoever attributable to any cosmetic treatments or the replacement of an existing breast implant) unless necessitated by an acute trauma injury, burns or cancer, aesthetic treatments, experimental, investigational or unproven procedures or treatments, devices and pharmacological regimens of any description. Exclusion on cosmetic surgery is not applicable where medically required as part of treatment for cancer, accidents and burns.

V. Vitamins and tonics unless forming a necessary part of the treatment for illness as certified by the attending Doctor.

VI. Any dental treatment or surgery of a corrective, cosmetic or aesthetic nature unless it requires Hospitalization; is carried out under general anesthesia and is necessitated by illness or Accidental Bodily Injury.

VII. Independent personal comfort and convenience items or services such as television, telephone, barber or beauty service guest service and similar incidental services and supplies which are charged separately unless they form a part of room rent.

VIII. The treatment of obesity (including morbid obesity) and any other weight control programs, services, or supplies.

IX. Durable medical equipment. Examples of durable medical equipment are wheelchairs, crutches, limbs etc. (namely that equipment used externally from the human body which can withstand repeated use; is not designed to be disposable; is used to serve a medical purpose; is generally not useful in the absence of an illness or Injury and is usable outside of a Hospital) unless required for the treatment of illness or Accidental Bodily Injury.

X. Diagnostic, X-ray or laboratory examination not related to or inconsistent with the diagnosis and treatment of the illness or Injury for which the TMS member was hospitalized.
XI. Any condition directly or indirectly caused by or associated with Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Variant/mutant viruses and any syndrome or condition of a similar kind commonly referred to as AIDS.

XII. Treatment of Tuberculosis (TB).

XIII. Any Medical Expenses incurred on Joint replacement surgery (Knee replacement of Hip replacement).

XIV. The TMS Member’s participation in any hazardous activities, including but not limited to scuba diving, motor-racing, parachuting, hang-gliding, rock or mountain climbing, as a member of the armed forces, the paramilitary, the security forces, the fire or ambulance services, lifeboat service, police force and the like whether part time or full time, voluntary or paid.

XV. Charges incurred in connection with the provision or fitting of hearing aids, eye glasses or contact lenses.

XVI. Any travel or transportation costs or expenses.

XVII. Use, misuse, or abuse of alcohol, banned substances or narcotic drugs (whether prescribed or not).

XVIII. All the medical appliances, treatments and medical supplies including elastic stockings, diabetic test strips, and similar products not supported by a prescription.

c) **General -Non Medical Exclusions**

I. War or similar situations: Treatment directly or indirectly arising from or consequent upon war or any act of war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, war like operations (whether war be declared or not or caused during service in the armed in the armed forces of any country), civil war, public defense, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, nuclear weapons / materials, chemical and biological weapons, radiation of any kind.

II. Breach of law: Any TMS Member committing or attempting to commit a breach of law with criminal intent, or intentional self-injury or attempted suicide while sane or insane.

III. Dangerous acts (including sports): An TMS Member’s participation or involvement in naval, military or air force operation, racing, diving, aviation, scuba diving, parachuting, hang-gliding, rock or mountain climbing in a professional or semiprofessional nature.

IV. Injuries related to physical squabbles and fighting.

V. Medico-Legal Cases, except those pertaining to Accidents.