

KEYCARE

DISCOVERY HEALTH MEDICAL SCHEME

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Coronary stents

A coronary stent is an artificial (manmade) tube placed in a blood vessel that carry blood to your heart (a coronary artery) to keep the vessel open.

There are two types of stents:

- Bare-metal stents – a mesh-like metal stent
- Medicine-releasing stents – a medicine-coated metal stent that slowly releases a medicine which prevents thickening and scarring of the blood vessel. This reduces the risk of needing another stent to be inserted.

We pay for these stents up to a specific rand value (reference price). If your doctor charges more than the reference price, you will need to pay the difference from your own pocket.

Medicine-releasing stents are covered up to R 7 350 (including VAT) per stent.

Bare metal stents are covered up to R 6 200 (including VAT) per stent.

Bare-metal stents

Our preferred supplier for these stents is Biotronik SA.

Medicine-releasing stents

Our preferred suppliers for these stents are:

- Baroque Medical
- Biotronik SA
- Condor Medical Africa (Meril Cardiology)
- Medtronic
- Torque Medical
- SA Medical Services
- B. Braun
- Vertice Healthcare

If your doctor uses a medicine-releasing stent from one of these preferred suppliers, we will cover the stent in full up to a specific rand value (reference price) and you will not have a co-payment.

If your doctor does not use a preferred supplier, we will pay up to the reference price and you will need to pay any difference from your own pocket.

We will not pay claims for products that are not on the National Pharmaceutical Product Index (NAPPI list).

Please note that benefit limits, scheme rules, treatment guidelines and managed care criteria may apply to some healthcare services and procedures in hospital.