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UNITED NATIONS STAFF MUTUAL INSURANCE SOCIETY AGAINST SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL RULES OF THE SOCIETY APPLICABLE FROM 1st FEBRUARY 2022

The Executive Committee of the United Nations Staff Mutual Insurance Society against Sickness and Accident has recommended to the Director-General certain amendments concerning the time-limit for submitting claims and for some benefits listed in Annex III of the Internal Rules of the Society. In accordance with the Statutes of the Society, the Director-General has approved the following amendments, with effect from 1st February 2022.

Rule VIII - Benefits

Amend Article 5 (a) et (b) – to read:

(a) All claims must be made within two years after the date on which the bill or account was established. It is the responsibility of the member to see that claims are submitted in due time.

Removal of point (b) below from the Rules:

(b) A claimant who cannot submit a claim for refund withing a time-limit of two years shall notify the Secretary accordingly within that period, stating the reasons.

The changes to Annex III of the Internal Rules are summarized in the attached table and are highlighted in italic. The updated Internal Rules will be published on the website effective 1st February 2022.

This change will come into effect for any invoice issued after the date of 1st February 2021.

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The Executive Secretary

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| Benefits | Conditions of reimbursement | Application of supplementary plan | Prior authorization | Other conditions |
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| 14. Pharmaceutical expenses (subject to Rule VIII, 8. g of the Internal Rules) | | | | Para pharmaceutical products are reimbursable only on recommendation of the Medical Adviser following an accident. |
| | | | | The purchase of medication over internet is only reimbursed if bought over an internet site of the country of residence or of work of the member. Cross-border internet purchases are not reimbursable. |
| a) Products reimbursed according to the criteria of the competent health authorities of the country concerned | 80% | no | no | |
| b) Recommended vaccinations on doctor's prescription | 80% | no | no | |
| c) Homeopathic and phytotherapeutic products | 80% max. CHF 1'500/year | no | no | |
| d) Products not reimbursed according to the criteria of the competent health authorities of the country concerned | Not reimbursed | no | no | |
| e) Expensive medicine that costs at least CHF 500 per month for a consecutive duration of at least 3 months | 80% | yes | yes | Failure to submit a request for authorization in advance will result in the reimbursement at 80% |

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| | | | | without the application of the supplementary plan. |
| 20. d) i) Manual wheel chair | 80% max. CHF. 3,500, one every five years, including repair cost | no | yes | Upon doctor's prescription and cost estimate. |
| ii) Electric wheel chair | 80% max. CHF 5,000,one every five years, including repair cost | no | yes | Any electrical device attached to a manual wheelchair will be considered under the electric wheel chair reimbursement, cumulatively with the manual wheel chair. |
| iii) Electric wheel chair with verticalization functions | 80% max. CHF 17,000, one every five years, including repair cost | no | yes | |

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