

# | <mark>2025</mark> | Stratum Benefits<sup>®</sup>

# THIS IS 2025!

## GAP COVER | UNDERWRITING CONCESSIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS

NEW BUSINESS CONCESSION	TRANSFER CONCESSION	UPGRADE CONCESSION					
	WHO QUALIFIES?						
First-time applicants <b>64</b> or <b>younger</b> Individuals <b>65</b> or <b>older</b> will receive standard underwriting	Applicants switching cover from another Gap Cover provider	Existing policyholders upgrading to a more comprehensive option					
	roups or financial advisor appointments ng policies	Employer groups qualify, subject to a quote					
	WHICH GAP COVER OPTIONS?						
	ELITE <sup>500</sup> , ACCESS OPTIMISER and -PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup>	Existing policyholders on an active or inactive option may upgrade to a 2025 COMPACT <sup>300</sup> , MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup> , ELITE <sup>500</sup> , ACCESS OPTIMISER or ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup> option					
	WHICH COVER START DATES?						
Between	n <b>1 November 2024</b> and <b>1 March 2025</b> on a <b>20</b> 2	5 option					
La	est date to submit applications is 14 February 20	25					
		Cover start dates can't be backdated					
	WHICH WAITING PERIODS APPLY?						
Month General Waiting Period     Month General Waiting Period on the     FIRST-TIME CANCER DIAGNOSIS BENEFIT	Remainder of any other existing waiting period will be carried over						
3 Month General Waiting Period on the OUT-PATIENT SPECIALIST CONSULTATION BENEFIT if applying for ELITE <sup>500</sup>	3 Month General Waiting Period on the OUT-PATIENT SPECIALIST CONSULTATION BENEFIT if applying for ELITE <sup>500</sup> unless it's a like-for-like benefit	3 Month General Waiting Period on the OUT-PATIENT SPECIALIST CONSULTATION BENEFIT if upgrading to ELITE <sup>500</sup>					
6 Month Pre-Existing Medical Condition Waiting Period (reduced from 12 months)	6 Month Pre-Existing Medical Condition Waiting Period on enhanced benefits (reduced from 12 months)	6 Month Pre-Existing Medical Condition Waiting Period on enhanced benefits (reduced from 12 months)					
10 Month Pre-Existing Pregnancy and Childbirth Waiting Period							
12 Month Pre-Existing Cancer Waiting Period							
AN	AND WHAT ABOUT THE LIMITED PAYOUT BENEFIT?						
6 Month Limited Payout Benefit (reduced from 10 months)	Doesn't apply to transfer policies, but planned medical procedures in the first 10 months of cover are subject to a limited payout of 20% of the approved claim amount	Doesn't get reapplied when upgrading but the remainder of any existing period will be carried over					
	GOOD TO KNOW						
	Click here for our Gap Cover Transfer Process for Individuals	Requests must reach us 10 working days before the applicable debit order date					
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#### **GAP COVER RANGE | ENHANCEMENTS & CHANGES**

- 1. The average premium increase across all individual Gap Cover options (non-corporate) is 9.8%.
- 2. Benefit enhancements and changes will be applied to 2024 policies effective 1 January 2025.
- 3. The earliest cover start date for new policies on a 2025 option is 1 November 2024.
- 4. Our 2025 Individual Product Range remains unchanged:

COMPACT <sup>300</sup>	MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup>	ELITE <sup>500</sup>
ACCESS OPTIMISER	ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS300	

5. Effective 1 January 2025, CORPORATE ELITE<sup>500</sup> and CORPORATE ELITE PLUS<sup>500</sup> will merge, with CORPORATE ELITE<sup>500</sup> being the option name in the future.

CORPORATE ELITE <sup>500</sup> policyholders will automatically receive the additional benefits offered on CORPORATE ELITE PLUS <sup>500</sup> without underwriting, namely:

- CANCER BENEFIT | BREAST RECONSTRUCTION
- OUT-PATIENT SPECIALIST CONSULTATION BENEFIT
- 12 MONTH STRATUM POLICY PREMIUM WAIVER (increases from a 6-month benefit period)
- 6. MERIDIAN<sup>400</sup> has been added to our **Corporate Product Range** due to popular demand.

#### Our 2025 Corporate Product Range is:

CORPORATE COMPACT <sup>300</sup>	CORPORATE MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup>	CORPORATE NOVA500	CORPORATE ELITE <sup>500</sup>
CORPORATE ACCESS	CORPORATE ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup>	CORPORATE ACCESS PLUS <sup>500</sup>	

7. Options that are no longer actively marketed, don't receive enhancements, except the increase in the **Overall Policy Limit**. Our inactive options are:

EDGE <sup>200</sup>	COMPACT <sup>200</sup>	CORPORATE COMPACT <sup>200</sup>	BASE <sup>500</sup>
CO-EVOLUTION <sup>500</sup>	G-FORCE <sup>500</sup>	SENIOR <sup>500</sup>	HOSPITAL OPTIMISER
ACCESS OPTIMISER PLUS <sup>200</sup>	ACCESS OPTIMISER PLUS <sup>500</sup>		

- 8. We cover child dependants registered on either parent's medical aid plan. When a child dependant applies for their own medical aid membership, they must apply for their own **Gap Cover** policy.
  - New process: Full-time students 26 or younger may remain on the policy even if they belong to their own medical aid plan.

Proof of full-time studies will be required annually. Distance and online learning don't qualify.

	COMPACT <sup>300</sup> & CORPORATE COMPACT <sup>300</sup>	MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup> & CORPORATE MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup>	CORPORATE NOVA500	ELITE <sup>500</sup> & CORPORATE ELITE <sup>500</sup>		
OVERALL POLICY LIMIT (OPL)	OVERALL POLICY LIMIT (OPL)  Limit increased from R 198 660 to R 210 580 per insured person per year effective 1 June 2024.  Another increase can be expected 1 April 2025 or when published by the Regulator.					
KEY BENEFITS SUBJECT TO THE	OPL					
DENTAL COVER						
Dental procedures such as implants and wisdom teeth extractions	Benefit limit increased from R 6 000 to R 30 000 per policy	6 000 to from R 7 000 to from R 5 000 to from R 8 000 to				
Dental procedures due to accidents or cancer treatment	Benefit no longer limited to R 32 000 but subject to the <b>OPL</b>	Benefit limit increased from R 14 000 to R 28 000 per policy	Benefit limit increased from R 10 000 to R 15 000 per policy	Benefit no longer limited to R 48 000 but subject to the <b>OPL</b>		
	Out-of-hospital dental-related procedures will no longer be covered under our GAP BENEFIT or CO-PAYMENT BENEFITS.  This exclusion will apply to all 2025 options in our active product range.					
New benefit exclusion:	As MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup> , CORPORATE MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup> and CORPORATE NOVA <sup>500</sup> do not cover out-of-hospital shortfalls, the new exclusion does not apply to these options.					
	For a list of options in our active product range, please see <b>points 4</b> and <b>6</b> .					
	The out-of-hospital dental-related procedure exclusion will <b>not</b> apply to the <b>inactive options</b> . Out-of-hospital dentistry may still be claimed on these options as usual.					
	For a list of inactive options, please see <b>point 7</b> .					
	Currently, <b>maxillofacial surgery</b> and related medical conditions or procedures are covered <b>only</b> when related to <b>accidental events</b> or <b>cancer treatment</b> .					
6	Maxillofacial surgery and related medical conditions or procedures will no longer be excluded.					
General exclusion removed:	This will apply to all <b>2025 options</b> in our <b>active product range</b> .					
	The maxillofacial surgery exclusion <b>will still apply</b> to our <b>inactive options</b> , except if required for specialised dental surgeries or due to accidental events or cancer treatment.					

## **GAP COVER RANGE | ENHANCEMENTS & CHANGES**

		COMPACT <sup>300</sup> & CORPORATE COMPACT <sup>300</sup>	MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup> & CORPORATE MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup>	CORPORATE NOVA500	ELITE <sup>500</sup> & CORPORATE ELITE <sup>500</sup>	
OVER	RALL POLICY LIMIT (OPL)	Limit increased from	R 198 660 to <b>R 210 580 pe</b> i		effective 1 June 2024.	
KFYF	BENEFITS SUBJECT TO THE		ase can be expected <b>1 April</b>	<b>2025</b> or when published b	the Regulator.	
•	SUB-LIMIT BENEFITS					
ENTE	DNOSCOPIES, ROSCOPIES AND ROSCOPIES	Bene	fit not available on these op	tions	Benefit limit increased from R 5 000 to <b>R 6 500</b> per person per event	
€ INTERNAL PROSTHETIC DEVICE TOP-UP		Bene	fit not available on these op	tions	New benefit added Covers the cost of an internal prosthetic device when the medical aid plan's limit has been reached	
					R 10 000 per person per event	
	OUT-PATIENT SPECIALIST CONSULTATION BENEFIT	Bene	fit not available on these op	tions	Benefit increased from 3 to 4 consultations, limited to R 1 300 per consultation per policy	
<i>₹</i> 30	CASUALTY BENEFITS					
ACCIDENTAL EVENTS Individuals of all ages		Benefit limits remain unchanged		Benefit limit increased from R 12 000 to		
	ESS EVENTS ren 10 years or younger	Deficit fiffits Femali unchanged		R 15 000 per policy		
	ESS EVENTS duals 11 years or older	Ве	nefit limits remain unchang	ed	Benefit limit increased from R 1 500 to R 2 000 per policy	
	PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFIT	Renefit not available on these ontions		Benefit limit increased from R 1 600 to R 1 800 per policy		
H	PRIVATE ROOM BENEFIT	Bene	Benefit not available on these options		Benefit limit increased from R 3 000 to R 3 500 per policy	
	FIT NOT SUBJECT TO THE	OPL I				
LIFES	INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE	Bene	fit not available on these op	tions	Our international travel insurance partner's cover applies only when other cover is not in place.  New process: Cover will apply but our travel partner will only	
					be liable to pay a pro-rata portion of the claim submitted in terms of the policy.	

OPTIMISER RANGE   ENHANCEME	N 13 & CHANGES					
	ACCESS OPTIMISER & CORPORATE ACCESS	ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup> & CORPORATE ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup>	CORPORATE ACCESS PLUS <sup>500</sup>			
OVERALL POLICY LIMIT (OPL)	Limit increased from R 198 660 to R 210 580 per insured person per year effective 1 June 2024.  Another increase can be expected 1 April 2025 or when published by the Regulator.					
KEY BENEFITS SUBJECT TO THE C	PL					
CO-PAYMENT BENEFIT						
ADMISSION AND PROCEDURE CO-PAYMENTS	Benefit not available on this option	Benefit limit increased from R 5 000 to <b>R 6 500</b> per policy	Benefit not available on this option			
DENTAL COVER						
Dental procedures such as implants and wisdom teeth extractions	Benefit limit increased from R 6 000 to R 30 000 per policy R 6 000 to R 30 000 per policy					
Dental procedures due to accidents or cancer treatment	on this option	Benefit no longer limited to R 32 000 but subject to the <b>OPL</b>	Benefit no longer limited to R 32 000 but subject to the <b>OPL</b>			
New benefit exclusion:	GAP BENEFIT or CO-PAYMENT I This exclusion will apply to all 202 As ACCESS OPTIMISER and COR BENEFIT, and CORPORATE ACCI exclusion does not apply to these For a list of options in our active p	PORATE ACCESS do not offer a GAESS PLUS <sup>500</sup> does not offer a CO-PAE options.  roduct range, please see points 4 ard procedure exclusion will not apply med on these options as usual	ge. AP BENEFIT or CO-PAYMENT AYMENT BENEFIT, the new and 6.			
General exclusion removed:	General exclusion removed: Currently, maxillofacial surgery and related medical conditions or procedures are covered only when related to accidental events or cancer treatment.  Maxillofacial surgery and related conditions or procedures will no longer be excluded.  This will apply to all 2025 options in our active product range but not to ACCESS OPTIMISER or CORPORATE ACCESS.  The maxillofacial surgery exclusion will still apply to our inactive options, except if required for specialised dental surgeries or due to accidental events or cancer treatment.					
CASUALTY BENEFITS						
ACCIDENTAL EVENTS Individuals of all ages ILLNESS EVENTS Children 10 years or younger	Benefit limit increased from R 2 000 to <b>R 3 000</b> per policy	Benefit limit increased from R 2 000 to <b>R 3 000</b> per policy	Benefit limit increased from R 2 000 to <b>R 3 000</b> per policy			
ACCESS BENEFIT						
ADENOIDECTOMY, MYRINGOTOMY (GROMMETS) OR TONSILLECTOMY	Benefit limit increased from R 5 000 to <b>R 15 000</b> per person R 5 000 to <b>R 15 000</b> per person R 5 000 to <b>R 15 000</b> per person R 5 000 to <b>R 15 000</b> per person R 5 000 to <b>R 15 000</b> per person					
ARTHROSCOPIC SURGERY	Benefit limit increased from R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person					
BACK OR NECK SURGERY	Benefit limit increased from R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person R 55 000 to R 72 000 per person					
BUNION SURGERY	Benefit limit increased from R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 1000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person R 1000 to <b>R </b>					
DENTAL PROCEDURES FOR IMPACTED TEETH (CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18)	Benefit limit increased from R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person	Benefit limit increased from R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person	Benefit limit increased from R 19 000 to <b>R 20 000</b> per person			
FUNCTIONAL NASAL SURGERY	Benefit limit increased from R 28 000 to R 30 000 per person					
JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGERY	Benefit limit increased from R 55 000 to <b>R 60 000</b> per person R 55 000 to <b>R 60 000</b> per person R 55 000 to <b>R 60 000</b> per person R 55 000 to <b>R 60 000</b> per person R 55 000 to <b>R 60 000</b> per person					

#### 2024 vs 2025 INDIVIDUAL GAP COVER PRODUCT RANGE PREMIUM OVERVIEW

		2024		2025	
		PREMIUMS			
ACTIVE OPTIONS	ENTRY AGE	INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES
COMPACT300	64 or Younger	R 301	R 364	R 330	R 399
COMPACT <sup>300</sup>	65 or Older	R 5	74	R 6	29
	35 or Younger	R 228	$\times$	R 250	$\times$
MEDIDIANIAN	Between 36 and 64	R 292	$\times$	R 320	$\times$
MERIDIAN <sup>400</sup>	64 or Younger	$\times$	R 292	$\times$	R 320
	65 or Older	R 636		R 698	
ELIZESO0	64 or Younger	R 438	R 538	R 481	R 591
ELITE <sup>500</sup>	65 or Older	R 712	R 869	R 780	R 954
ACCECC OPTIMISED	64 or Younger	R 179		R 197	
ACCESS OPTIMISER	65 or Older	R 239		R 262	
ACCESS CO-PAY PLUS <sup>300</sup>	64 or Younger	R 368		R 404	
	65 or Older	R 489		R 537	

		2024		2025	
		PREMIUMS			
INACTIVE OPTIONS	ENTRY AGE	INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES
	Between 18 and 27	R 152	$\times$	R 166	$\times$
EDGE <sup>200</sup>	Between 28 and 64	R 273	$\times$	R 299	$\times$
	65 or Older	R 455	$\times$	R 498	$\times$
COMPACT <sup>200</sup>	64 or Younger	R 275	R 318	R 301	R 348
COMPACT	65 or Older	R 532		R 583	
BASE <sup>500</sup>	64 or Younger	R 275	R 323	R 301	R 354
RAZE	65 or Older	R 532		R 583	
CO-EVOLUTION500	64 or Younger	R 307	R 400	R 336	R 438
CO-EVOLOTIONSSS	65 or Older	R 612		R 670	
G-FORCE <sup>500</sup>	64 or Younger	R 516		R 565	
G-FORCE-	65 or Older	R 758		R 830	
SENIOR <sup>500</sup>	All Ages	R 7	'16	R 784	
HOSPITAL OPTIMISER	All Ages	R	R 99		08
ACCESS OPTIMISED DI US <sup>200</sup>	64 or Younger	R 378		R 415	
ACCESS OPTIMISER PLUS <sup>200</sup>	65 or Older	R 484		R 484 R 531	
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ACCESS OPTIMISER PLUS <sup>500</sup>	65 or Older	R 590		R 648	















