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L v DISCOVERY HEALTH MEDICAL SCHEME

The complaint concerned the Scheme's decision to decline full funding of Bonspri® for the treatment of

Multiple Sclerosis.

In adjudicating the matter, the Registrar found that Multiple sclerosis is a Prescribed Minimum Benefit

(PMB) condition under the Chronic Disease List (CDL) with a treatment algorithm provided for in the

Medical Schemes Act. Upon perusal of the clinical reports received, it was also found that there are other

formulary drugs that the member can use and that have not shown to be ineffective, caused harm or would

cause harm.

The Registrar found that there is no legal obligation on the Scheme to fund in full Bonspri® for the

member's PMB condition as this treatment is not PMB level of care for his condition. The complaint was

dismissed.