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**Fair Value Product Assessment**

Product Name: **Flex Voluntary**

Target Market: Corporate employee flexible benefit market.

Any identified markets for whom the product is not suitable: Only offered as a flexible benefit provided as part of an employer’s flexible benefits platform.

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| **Number** | **Assessment Question/ Category** | **Assessment** |
| 1. | Details of the nature of the product | Health Cash Plan. |
| 2. | Coverage that the product provides. | Refer to benefit table (<https://www.medicash.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Flex_2015_VOL_BT2738_OCT21.pdf>) and policy Terms & Conditions (<https://www.medicash.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Medicash_Voluntary_Terms_and_Conditions_2021.pdf>). |
| 3. | Limitations in relation to coverage (including but not limited to exclusions, limits of liability, excesses) | RESTRICTIONS   * Annual Benefit allowances. * Claims must be received within 26 weeks of the treatment date or date of accident. * Dental Accident & Injury claims require attendance for a dental emergency appointment within five days of the accident or injury. * Up to four dependent children are covered at no extra cost, up to their 19th birthday if in full time education, claiming half of the adult entitlement for the benefits as specified on the benefit table.   NOT INSURED   * Treatment needed due to dangerous activities and sports, professional sports injuries or as a result of self-inflicted injuries. * Treatment provided by immediate family. * Treatments or benefits arranged, paid or facilitated through your employer or another employee. * Any charges for completion of claim forms or any medical information we need to support your claim. |
| 4. | Type & quality of the services to be provided | Policyholders will have access to all the benefits specified on the benefit table.  Access to the My Medicash app, providing easy claim submission, access to policy documents and ancillary services.  Customer support from Medicash by both telephone and email. Telephone lines are open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), with 80% of calls answered within 20 seconds and less than 5% abandoned. Emails are responded to within 2 working days.  Claims can also be submitted through the website or by post.  Payment is ordinarily made by bank transfer using a fast payment service, meaning that following a claim being authorised, payments are credited to the policyholder’s bank account by the end of the following working day and often within 24 hours. Payment can also be made by cheque.  The ‘Medicash Assist’ service is available for policyholders with characteristics of vulnerability ([Medicash Assist | Medicash](https://www.medicash.org/customer-service/medicash-assist/)). |
| 5. | Is the product net priced? | All premiums quoted include Insurance Premium Tax at the current rate. |
| 6. | Total price to be paid by the customer | The standard rates are as follows:- |
| 7. | Details of the pricing model used to calculate the risk premium i) for the initial policy term, ii) for any future renewal | For virgin business, standard rates apply on a community underwritten basis. If a discounted plan is requested, then a risk based demographic approach is engaged.  If a group is switching a cash plan to Medicash, then the pricing model is based on risk analysis of claims data.  At renewal, a review of claims data informs the risk approach to premium structure. |
| 8. | Breakdown of the overall cost to the firm of the insurance product | This product is provided through an employer’s flexible benefit platform, with the policy premium being paid by the employee who has opted for this benefit. |
| 9. | Details of the remuneration of each party in the distribution chain where this is part of the premium or otherwise paid directly by the customer | 10% is the standard commission rate payable to any broker as applicable. There is no additional remuneration in terms of direct sales to group entities. |
| 10. | Are any changes expected to the total price a customer will pay during the period that they hold the product (including at the first or any subsequent renewal or any other point in time)? | The price of the monthly premium remains the same for the year that the policy is in force from inception. As this is a flexible benefits based plan, the policy remains in force for one year, on the same terms. A change can though be made in the event of a significant life event (e.g ,marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, bereavement in immediate family), with a partner added or potential early cancellation of the cover.  The product is provided on the basis of the corporate relationship continuing with Medicash, a decision which ultimately rests with the employer providing the flexible benefits platform. In the event the arrangement ends, the policyholder will be able to apply for a policy on a direct debit paid basis from Medicash, although this will differ from the Flex plan in terms of cost and benefits. |
| 11. | Is any change to the insured risk expected over time, for example to the nature, financial value or a customers usage of an underlying good to which the insurance relates? | There is no change to the insured risk expected. The plan is provided as specified, with no changes built in. See (14) for details of the situation at annual renewal. |
| 12. | Is the number of expected claims that may be made, or financial value of any such claim, expected to change over time due to the nature of the product, the customer’s needs or any relevant features of the insured risk, for example i) as a result of expected depreciation in the value of the insured asset, ii) where the customer’s need or eligibility for certain cover may change for example in a customer’s usage. | There is nothing inherent built in to the product which would result in expected claims variation or changes to policyholder needs and risk. |
| 13. | Could the total premiums expected to be paid over the length of time a customer would hold the product, exceed the benefits that could be received from claims for example due to cover limits applying across the foreseeable period. | The monthly premium is fixed for the one year that the policy is in force. See (14) for further details. |
| 14. | Could benefits offered by the policy at inception not be available at subsequent renewals, due to exclusions or claim limits, without any commensurate reduction in the premium? | The plan is offered on the basis of the corporate relationship continuing between Medicash and the employer in question. It is possible that if the arrangement ends whereby the employer is facilitating the Medicash plan being provided as part of their benefit platform, that the cover would then end at the renewal phase. The policyholder would be able to apply at this point for one of Medicash’s direct plans, albeit these would have a different premium and benefit structure. |
| 15. | Could customers be discouraged from or unable to renew due to the level of ongoing premiums including increases at renewal meaning they may not be receiving the full intended benefits of the product. | Medicash’s plans are based around an annual benefit cycle with benefit maximums for each treatment area and access to ancillary services. In the event the policy was not renewed, this would not result in the policyholder not receiving the full intended benefits. |

**Fair value assessment satisfactorily completed: YES**

**If ‘N’, mitigating actions to be detailed below.**

**Version date: 1st September 2024**

**Next review date: 1 September 2025**

**Yearly Update:-**

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