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Important Update - Insurance

An important benefit of being a member of PodiatryNZ is the insurance component of membership, which is included in the member fee.

PodiatryNZ negotiates a group scheme to provide a premium for essential elements of liability insurance. We believe that insurance cover in today's economic climate needs to be a part of being a health professional and we want our members to have peace of mind by ensuring they have an industry standard comprehensive liability package.

Members are automatically covered when their membership subscription is paid, (unless the insurer rejects the application- the insurer reserves the right not to accept an application).

Our insurance broker BizCover provides the minimum level of insurance required for PodiatryNZ membership and offers a range of additional cover options to those who require it.

Earlier this year we were advised that our current underwriter wished to increase the current premium and because of this, the Board instructed us to review the current insurance package. We went to market and assessed a range of options to ensure that members could be presented with the best value for money on offer.

After a comprehensive investigation our insurance broker presented the most favourable option which was to change underwriters from Dual New Zealand to QBE. The other insurers approached were unable to match our present offering for the same premium.

We will still be working with our current broker, however, the underwriter for insurance premiums from 1 July 2016 will change. For those who have a renewal date before 30 June 2016, the underwriter will remain with Dual New Zealand until your next renewal date.

Please note: that from 1 July 2016, those members who have a Scope of Practice in Podiatric Surgery will have those activities excluded from the PodiatryNZ group scheme offering.

The first point of contact for insurance issues will remain Bizcover.



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