

FAQ's

Medical & Public Liability Insurance provided to
Full and Student Members of the College of Paramedics as a Membership Benefit

- Q. Where can I find a summary of the cover provided and details of the actual policy terms and conditions?
- A. Both are available from the scheme Brokers or their website www.graybrook.co.uk/cop-members
- Q. What is the policy period?
- A. The members Block Policy runs from 1st June to 31st May each year.
- Q. What level of activities are insured for Qualified Members?
- A. Samaritan Acts and activities within qualified member's individual scope of Paramedic Practice, undertaken in a voluntary capacity or from paid work not exceeding £5,000 in total per annum excluding the members full time employment and any NHS work.
- Q. What Student activities are Insured?
- A. Samaritan Acts and Elective Placements where no alternative form of insurance or indemnity cover is provided and subject to Students being under the supervision of a qualified Paramedic or Registered Healthcare Professional.
- Q. Is the Policy HCPC compliant for the activities insured?
- A. Yes – it provides appropriate Medical Malpractice and Public Liability Insurance for Paramedic practice activities as detailed in the Insurance Summary and Policy Documents.
- Q. What if Qualified Members earn more than the total £5,000 per annum earnings cap or expected to exceed this limit over the next 12 months?
- A. They will need to consider individual or separate insurance to cover their particular circumstances.
- Q. What are the insured limits under the policy?
- A. £5 million in respect of any one claim and up to a total of £5 million for all claims in any year of insurance.
- Q. Do these limits apply to each member?
- A. Yes
- Q. Do members need to contribute towards claims?
- A. Yes, the first £250 of any claim is the Member's own responsibility except for students where no excess applies to Medical Malpractice claims.
- Q. Are there any special exclusions?
- A. Yes – as with any insurance policy there are conditions and exclusions which apply, details of which can be found in the Policy Summary and Policy Wording, both of which are available as a download from this page or available on request.

Some key exclusions include:-

- ❖ *the treatment of Professional Sports people and Elite Athletes is excluded from the block policy where seen for longer than 21 days in any insurance period*
- ❖ *Claims relating to Meningitis unless the patient has been physically examined and the member has followed the current NICE guidelines and acted within Members scope of practice*
- ❖ *Any paid work which in total exceeds £5,000 in any 12 month period (or expected to exceed this figure over the next 12 months)*
- ❖ *No cover is provided for members full time employment*
- ❖ *No cover is included for any NHS services*

Q. Are all previous Paramedic activities insured?

A. *No – only those undertaken by qualified members after 1st November, 2013 and Student electives from 1st June 2016 (or the date of College membership if later) where claims are reported for the first time under the current policy.*

Q. Will the cover continue when qualified members retire from Paramedic Practice?

A. *Provided the policy continues, the cover will apply to claims brought against members after retirement subject to retained membership of the College of Paramedics.*

Q. What Special Conditions apply to the Scheme?

A. *Qualified members must be HCPC registered at the time of treatment / incident, and Student members must be supervised by a qualified Paramedic or Registered Healthcare Professional . All claims must be brought within the jurisdiction of a UK Court or Court in Northern Ireland, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.*

Q. What territorial limits apply?

A. *Qualified Members may work and Students undertake electives anywhere in the World (excluding USA and Canada, except observation only electives in these territories) provided (i) all members are ordinarily resident in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and (ii) all claims are brought within the jurisdiction of a U.K. Court.*

Q. Under which circumstance should members consider their own individual insurance?

- ❖ *Where insurance cover is not provided by their employer by membership of the College of Paramedics*
- ❖ *Where paramedic work is undertaken outside the scope of their main employment*
- ❖ *where total earnings from any other work exceeds £5,000 per annum*
- ❖ *where treatment of Professional Sports and Elite Athletes exceed 21 days in any one year*
- ❖ *where Members employ others or provide services through a corporate entity (such as a private limited company)*
- ❖ *for work which is outside the individual scope of paramedic practice*
- ❖ *where higher levels of cover are required*
- ❖ *work or elective placements beyond the geographical limits contained in the Policy*

Q. Where can I obtain more information about the block policy and individual options?

A. *From the scheme's Insurance Brokers:*

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