

# Alumni Medical Scheme



The Rugby Players' Association

020 8831 7930

[www.theRPA.co.uk](http://www.theRPA.co.uk)

## 1. Overview

- 1.1 The RPA has agreed to provide financial support from The RPA Benevolent Fund to players in retirement requiring medical treatment as a result of a career in the Premiership
- 1.2 The Benevolent Fund Trustees will review all applications and payments made at their absolute discretion
- 1.3 Support will be available for:
  - Surgery
  - Diagnostic tests
- 1.4 Applicants may access preferential medical rates through the Alumni Medical Scheme.
- 1.5 Applications will be considered from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011
- 1.6 All applications will be considered on a case by case basis, with reference to this criteria by the Benevolent Fund Trustees

## 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Applicants must:
  - Have been a Senior RPA Member for a minimum of 2 years since August 1998
  - Have become an Alumni Member within a month of retiring. Former Senior RPA Members currently in retirement will have until the end of September 2011 to join the RPA Alumni to become eligible for this service
  - Have retired from professional rugby as an Senior Premiership Member for 12 months
- 2.2 Treatment can only take place in the UK.

## 3. Payments

- 3.1 Payments will only be made upon receiving a dated invoice from a medical provider
- 3.2 Payment will be made direct to the medical provider
- 3.3 All payments are made at the absolute discretion of the RPA Benevolent Fund Trustees who amongst other things will take hardship into account

## 4. Applications

- 4.1 All applications must be made in consultation with the RPA
- 4.2 All applications must provide evidence of the history of injury and medical consultation resulting in claim
- 4.3 Applicants must also provide evidence that medical treatment is not readily available on the NHS
- 4.4 Applicants must provide evidence that the injury or body part is excluded from their insurance policy
- 4.5 Only approved medical practitioners will be able to receive payment for treatment through this fund
- 4.6 Treatment sought and received is entirely the applicants choice and not that of the RPA or the Benevolent Fund
- 4.7 Applicants must disclose their last two year's salary
- 4.8 The Benevolent Fund Trustees reserve the right to consult and obtain the opinion of the RPA Medical Advisors on all applications