



Medisan – CWU Seminar 2025

History

- TB considered occupational disease for postal workers given the conditions they worked under.
- Sanatoria Fund established in Ireland in 1906.
- In 2001 name of the fund changed to Medisan.
- 2022 Medisan achieved charitable status.
- **Membership (2024)**
 - An Post 4,308
 - eir 719
 - Others 22
- Donations of €50k across multiple charities

Benefits

Benefits Provided 2024	
Consultation and Drugs	€18,708
Financial Assistance (Income Support)	€266,083
Maintenance (Treatment Centres)	€49,509
Total	€334,300

Comparison



CWU Social Benefit Fund

Social Benefit Fund

- Payment calculated using flat weekly rate.
- €120/week for full-time (37.5hrs)
- €80/week for part-time (23-30hrs)
- €40/week for part-time (less than 23hrs)
- Payment for 12 months
- Provision to apply to NEC for extension

Medisan

Financial Assistance during periods of reduced pay

- 70% of basic pay to max of €850 per month
- Max €10k

Consultation and Drug- Assistance of €200 per quarter (less company payment).

Treatment Centres 50-75% payment to approved treatment centres (prior approval).

Specific cases of Cardiac surgery waiting list – consideration of payment to cost of treatment, including mtce costs, to max grant of 80% of total costs. (not exceed €5k.)

Public Hospital charges – daily inpatient charges, outpatient charges, Voluntary health insurance shortfall – 80% of shortfall to a max of €5k for specific Cardiac surgery. 50% match up of Private Insurance up to a maximum €5k.

Note all above applies to qualifying illnesses – must be a member for 6 months to apply.

Medisan Qualifying illnesses - TB, Psychiatric illness, Cardiac Disease, Insulin- dependent Diabetes, Diseases of the Central Nervous System , Cancer and Addictions.

Key Message

- **Potential to grow membership** (only 50% cover in An Post).
- Medisan **benefits** the individuals financially.
- Branch Secretary's are **key to membership growth**.
- Big Recruitment drive needed.
- **Your support is crucial.**

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