

## Information Sheet on the AOK Specialist Programme

### 1. What is the AOK Specialist Programme?

AOK members who participate in the AOK Specialist Programme benefit from a special form of healthcare provided by specialist physicians. The primary objective of this programme is to interlink the care you receive from your family doctor and your consultant even more closely in order to ensure that you receive the best possible treatment from your consultant. Participation in this programme is voluntary for AOK members.

The AOK Specialist Programme currently covers the following fields of medicine:

- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology
- Psychiatry/Neurology/Psychotherapy
- Orthopedics/Rheumatology
- Urology
- Diabetology

### 2. What are the core elements of the AOK Specialist Programme?

- Your consultant and the family doctor you chose for the AOK Family Doctor Programme maintain close contact and exchange reports.
- To obtain treatment from a consultant, you need a referral from your family doctor (exception: emergencies).
- You may only see consultants who are contractually bound to the AOK Specialist Programme (internet: <https://www.medi-arztsuche.de/facharzt#>)

### 3. What advantages does the AOK Specialist Programme have for you?

- You do not have to pay supplements for many discounted medications (exemption from prescription fees).
- You do not have to wait a long time for an appointment with your consultant (usually no more than 14 days).
- You benefit from short waiting times.
- If you are in work, you can make appointments for the evening.
- You also get to enjoy attractive additional benefits.



#### **4. How can you join the AOK Specialist Programme, and for how long do you have to be a member?**

- AOK members participating in the AOK Family Doctor Programme (a special form of family doctor centered healthcare) can also join the AOK Specialist Programme.
- Membership includes **all** fields of medicine covered by the AOK Specialist Programme (see list in section 1). It is not possible to choose individual fields.
- If you wish to join the AOK Specialist Programme, please tell the family doctor you chose for the AOK Family Doctor Programme or a consultant who is registered with the AOK Specialist Programme.
- You will initially be bound to the AOK Specialist Programme for a period of 12 months. Your membership will be automatically extended for another 12 months unless you give notice one month before the respective 12-month period is up. Please submit your notice of withdrawal in writing to the AOK Baden-Württemberg.
- If you terminate your membership of the AOK Family Doctor Programme, your membership of the AOK Specialist Programme will end automatically.