






HCF HOSPITAL STANDARD SILVER PLUS

PRODUCT SUMMARY

Affordable hospital cover for some common procedures.

FEATURES

<p>ACCIDENT SAFEGUARD</p> <p>Receive the benefits of our top level of hospital cover for 90 days if you're in an accident[∞]</p> 	<p>NO EXCESS FOR KIDS AGED UNDER 25 OR FOR ACCIDENT RELATED TREATMENT</p> 	<p>TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION BENEFITS FOR YOUR HOSPITAL STAY[*]</p> 	<p>WE'LL PAY PREMIUMS FOR ELIGIBLE MEMBERS</p> <p>if they become involuntarily unemployed[^]</p> 	<p>BE REWARDED WITH A GREAT RANGE OF EXCLUSIVE OFFERS</p> <p>through HCF Thank You</p> 
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HOSPITAL INCLUDES:

- ✓ Flexible excess options - choose from a \$250, \$500 or \$750 excess
- ✓ Cover for heart and vascular procedures, joint reconstructions and more
- ✓ Ambulance cover in emergencies



[∞] To be eligible, must attend a hospital emergency department within 24 hrs. Top hospital coverage applies for up to 90 days of the Accident. Other conditions apply. See hcf.com.au/accident-safeguard
^{*} When you travel at least 200km round trip. Other terms and conditions apply. Go to hcf.com.au/travel-accommodation to find out more
[^] For up to 6 months. Other conditions and waiting periods apply. See hcf.com.au/unemployment-assistance

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KEY FEATURES	
Excess options (per person per calendar year)	\$250, \$500 or \$750
No excess for kids aged under 25	✓
No excess for Accident-related treatment	✓
Travel and accommodation benefit*	✓
Available without extras cover	Yes

THIS POLICY INCLUDES COVER FOR:	
Emergency ambulance	
Accident Safeguard - Services Not Included or Restricted Services listed in this table will be treated as Covered Services in the event of an Accident that occurs after joining. Does not include podiatric surgery by a registered podiatric surgeon. Conditions apply. See hcf.com.au/accident-safeguard	
Rehabilitation	
Palliative care	
Brain and nervous system e.g. stroke, brain or spinal cord tumours	
Eye (not cataracts) e.g. retinal detachment, tear duct conditions, eye infections and medically managed trauma to the eye	
Ear, nose and throat e.g. damaged ear drum, sinus surgery, removal of foreign bodies, stapedectomy and throat cancer	
Tonsils, adenoids and grommets e.g. hospital treatment of the tonsils, adenoids and insertion or removal of grommets	
Bone, joint and muscle e.g. carpal tunnel, fractures, hand surgery, joint fusion, bone spurs, osteomyelitis and surgery for bone cancer	
Joint reconstructions (excluding joint replacement surgery) e.g. torn tendons, rotator cuff tears and damaged ligaments	
Kidney and bladder e.g. kidney stones, adrenal gland tumour and incontinence	
Male reproductive system e.g. male sterilisation, circumcision and prostate cancer	
Digestive system e.g. oesophageal cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, gall stones and haemorrhoids	
Hernia and appendix e.g. hernia operations and appendicitis	
Gastrointestinal endoscopy e.g. colonoscopy and gastroscopy	
Gynaecology e.g. endometriosis, polycystic ovaries, female sterilisation and cervical cancer	
Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy	
Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer	
Pain management e.g. treatment of nerve pain and chest pain due to cancer by injection of a nerve block	
Skin e.g. surgery to remove melanoma, minor wound repair and abscesses	
Breast surgery (medically necessary) e.g. breast lesions, breast tumours, asymmetry due to breast cancer surgery and gynaecomastia	
Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps) e.g. stabilisation of hypo- or hyper-glycaemia, contour problems due to insulin injections	
Heart and vascular system e.g. heart failure and heart attack, monitoring of heart conditions, varicose veins and removal of plaque from arterial walls	
Lung and chest e.g. lung cancer, respiratory disorders such as asthma, pneumonia and treatment of trauma to the chest	
Blood e.g. blood clotting disorders and bone marrow transplants	
Back, neck and spine e.g. sciatica, prolapsed or herniated disc, and spine curvature disorders such as scoliosis	
Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary) e.g. burns requiring a graft, cleft palate, club foot and angioma	
Dental surgery[#] e.g. surgery to remove wisdom teeth and dental implant surgery	
Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon)[∞]	
Implantation of hearing devices[^]	
Sleep studies e.g. sleep apnoea and snoring	
THIS POLICY INCLUDES RESTRICTED COVER FOR:	
Hospital psychiatric services	

THIS POLICY DOES NOT INCLUDE COVER FOR:	
Cataracts	
Joint replacements	
Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	
Pregnancy and birth	
Assisted reproductive services	
Weight loss surgery	
Insulin pumps	
Pain management with device	
Elective cosmetic surgery	

This product includes cover for accommodation, operating theatre, intensive care, Government approved Prostheses, pharmaceuticals (excluding experimental and high cost non-PBS drugs) as part of your covered admission at an HCF participating hospital.

EXCESS

An excess is a non-refundable amount of money a member agrees to pay towards the cost of services before benefits are payable when admitted to hospital. If hospitalised, the total excess amount of your cover will apply once per person per calendar year.

OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS AND HOSPITAL AGREEMENTS

Under this policy, you may have to pay out-of-pocket costs above what you get from Medicare or your private health insurer. Before you go to hospital, you should ask your doctors, hospital and health insurer about any out-of-pocket costs that may apply to you.

The benefits paid for hospital treatment will depend on the type of cover you purchase and whether your fund has an agreement in place with the hospital in which you are treated. See 'Agreement Hospitals' on privatehealth.gov.au for which hospitals have arrangements with your insurer.

PREGNANCY AND BIRTH

To be covered for pregnancy and birth in hospital, make sure your cover includes full benefits for these services. If not, you may wish to upgrade to a cover that includes pregnancy and birth 12 months before the date of birth of your child to minimise your out-of-pocket expenses. If you're expecting, make sure you transfer to a family membership within 2 months of the birth of your child to ensure your baby is covered.

RESTRICTED COVER

For these services, only Minimum Benefits are payable which means that you may have to pay significant out-of-pocket expenses in a private hospital. In a public hospital, if you elect to be a private patient, you may also have to pay out-of-pocket expenses.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

These services are not included in your cover. No benefits are payable for any treatment related to these services, except in the case of Accident Safeguard. Always check with us to see if you're covered before going to hospital.

[#] Members must hold eligible extras cover if they want to claim benefits for eligible dental services performed in a hospital

[∞] Limited benefits apply. Minimum Benefit level payable by HCF for Hospital accommodation as determined under the Private Health Insurance Act and the cost of prosthesis (as listed on the Prosthesis List). No benefit is payable for podiatric surgeon fees. Ensure you have Informed Financial Consent prior to your treatment, for any out-of-pocket expenses.

[^] Includes associated speech and sound processors including upgrades.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

The following waiting periods apply where these services are covered under your policy:

HOSPITAL WAITING PERIODS	
1 DAY	Emergency ambulance.
2 MONTHS	Hospital psychiatric services, rehabilitation and palliative care. Members who have held a hospital cover for at least 2 months and upgrade to receive hospital psychiatric services as covered services may not be required to serve the waiting period for hospital psychiatric services. This exemption can only be accessed once in a member's lifetime.
12 MONTHS	Pregnancy and birth. Pre-Existing Conditions (excluding hospital psychiatric services, rehabilitation and palliative care).
2 MONTHS	All other hospital services, including Accident-related treatment (for services included in your cover).

WHAT'S NOT COVERED?

There are a number of situations where our health insurance doesn't cover you, including for example:

- claims for services by providers not recognised by HCF, and that do not meet HCF's criteria as set out in the Fund Rules
- treatment for Pre-Existing Conditions (other than for hospital psychiatric services, rehabilitation or palliative care) within the 12 month waiting period
- experimental, high cost non-PBS drugs and TGA-approved drugs used for a purpose other than that for which they were approved.

Please refer to the HCF Member Guide or Fund Rules for a comprehensive list of exclusions.

Note:

This product summary is not a complete description of your cover. Please refer to the HCF Member Guide or Fund Rules, or call **13 13 34** to check what you're covered for before receiving treatment.