

# Cover Summary

## Silver Plus Smart Options

Here's a summary of the services and treatments provided by your cover. Please read it and keep it somewhere safe for future reference. For a better understanding of how your cover works refer to your Member Guide, which is a summary of our Fund Rules and policies, or call us on 132 331.

### Hospital cover

Hospital cover can pay towards services you receive when you're admitted to hospital and treated as a private patient. It can't pay towards any services when you're not admitted to hospital (e.g. seeing your GP or specialist).

**Here are the services that are Included and Excluded under your Hospital cover.**

**You may still incur out-of-pocket expenses above the amount we pay. Before booking your treatment, call us to find out the benefits you can expect to receive, and any out-of-pocket expenses you might incur.**

Services that are Included and Excluded	
Ambulance services~	✓
Accidental Injury Benefit	✓
Rehabilitation	✓
Hospital psychiatric services	✓
Palliative care	✓
Brain and nervous system	✓
Eye (not cataracts)	✓
Ear, nose and throat	✓
Tonsils, adenoids and grommets	✓
Bone, joint and muscle	✓
Joint reconstructions	✓
Kidney and bladder	✓
Male reproductive system	✓
Digestive system	✓
Hernia and appendix	✓
Gastrointestinal endoscopy	✓
Gynaecology	✓
Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy	✓
Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer*	✓
Pain management	✓
Skin	✓
Breast surgery (medically necessary)	✓
Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)	✓
Heart and vascular system	✓
Lung and chest	✓
Blood	✓
Back, neck and spine	✓
Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)	✓
Dental surgery^	✓
Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon)+	✓
Implantation of hearing devices	✓
Cataracts	x
Joint replacements	x
Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	x
Pregnancy and birth	✓
Assisted reproductive services	✓
Weight loss surgery	✓
Insulin pumps	✓
Pain management with device	✓
Sleep studies	✓

### What does it mean?

#### ✓ Included Service

We pay benefits towards overnight and same day hospital accommodation, intensive care and medical services where a Medicare benefit is payable. Medibank has arrangements with most private hospitals and day surgeries in Australia - these are known as Members' Choice hospitals. You'll generally get better value if you go to one of these providers.

If you're treated at a non-Members' Choice private hospital, we'll generally pay lower benefits and you may incur significant out-of-pocket expenses.

Where you're treated as a private patient in a public hospital, we'll pay benefits towards overnight and same-day accommodation in a shared room.

#### x Excluded Service

An Excluded Service is a service that we won't pay any benefits towards, including any hospital accommodation or medical services.

Medibank does not pay towards cosmetic treatment.

#### Common and Support Services

There are a number of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) items that will also be included to support the services under this cover where a benefit is payable. These may include items like in-hospital consultations and some scans, tests and anaesthetics that are associated with your hospital admission.

~ For ambulance attendance or transportation to a hospital where immediate professional attention is required and your medical condition is such that you couldn't be transported any other way. TAS and QLD have State schemes to cover ambulance services for residents of those States.

\* Your hospital cover does not include non-PBS drugs. We will only pay towards cancer-related surgery where that surgery is an Included service under your cover.

^ For Dental surgery performed by a dentist rather than a medical practitioner we only pay benefits towards hospital charges. If the surgery is performed by a medical practitioner and Medicare benefits are payable, we will pay benefits towards the hospital and medical charges.

+ For Podiatric surgery we only pay benefits towards hospital charges. There are no Medicare benefits payable for podiatric surgery. This means we also don't pay any benefits towards the podiatric surgeon's fees under Hospital cover and you could incur significant out-of-pocket expenses.

**Accidental Injury Benefit** means that any Excluded Service will be treated as if it is an Included Service, where you require hospital treatment as a result of injuries sustained in an Accident. It only applies to hospital treatment received within twelve **(12)** months of the date of the Accident occurring, and where:

- The Accident occurred after joining your cover
  - The Accident occurred in Australia
  - Your cover was not suspended at the time of the Accident
  - You sought treatment from a medical practitioner within seven **(7)** days of the Accident
- See your Member Guide for more information.

## ? Things you need to know about your Hospital cover

### Waiting periods

A waiting period applies when you join Medibank, or change your cover to include new or upgraded services. We won't pay benefits for any items purchased or services received while you are serving a waiting period.

### Switching from another health insurer?

You may not need to re-serve waiting periods if you join Medibank within 2 months of leaving your previous health insurer, and you've already served the waiting period for that service.

### Accident Waiting Period Waiver

Where a 1-day or 2-month waiting period applies to a service or treatment under your Hospital cover, it may be waived for claims resulting from an Accident that occurred after joining this cover.

Waiting periods	
<b>1 day</b>	Ambulance services.
<b>2 months</b>	Hospital psychiatric services, Rehabilitation and Palliative care.
	Hospital treatment for conditions requiring hospitalisation that are not deemed pre-existing conditions.
<b>12 months</b>	<b>Pre-existing conditions</b> An ailment, illness or condition that, in the opinion of a Medical Practitioner appointed by Medibank, the signs or symptoms of which existed at any time in the 6 month period prior to the day on which you became insured under the policy or changed your cover.
	Pregnancy and birth.
	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)-type devices.

### Excess

This is the amount you pay towards your hospital admission (same-day or overnight) before we pay any benefits. A \$500 excess is payable on this cover.

The excess applies per member, per calendar year and it doesn't apply to child, student or adult dependants on a family membership. Some hospitals may require you to pay the excess at the time of admission.

## Making the most of your Hospital cover

### **Go to a Members' Choice Hospital**

Medibank has arrangements with most private hospitals and day surgeries in Australia, so you generally get better value for Included Services if you go to one of these providers.

To find your nearest Members' Choice hospital, visit [medibank.com.au/memberschoice](https://medibank.com.au/memberschoice)

Members' Choice hospitals are subject to change from time to time and are not in all areas.

### **GapCover – How to reduce your in-hospital medical out-of-pocket expenses**

Medibank's GapCover is designed to help eliminate or reduce your out-of-pocket expenses for in-hospital doctor's charges.

Where your doctor decides to charge more than the MBS fee (the set government fee), you will be left with an out-of-pocket expense, commonly referred to as the 'gap'.

Doctors can choose to participate in GapCover on a claim-by-claim basis.

Check upfront with each doctor involved if they'll participate in Medibank's GapCover for each claim as part of your treatment, to help reduce your out-of-pocket expense. Out-of-pocket expenses may still apply.

It's important to know GapCover doesn't apply to diagnostic services. See your Member Guide for more information.

### **Choice of treating doctor or specialist**

You can choose your doctor or specialist when you're treated in hospital as a private patient.

### **Surgically implanted prostheses**

For an Included Service, we'll pay the minimum benefit as listed in the Australian Government's Prostheses List.

### **Travel and accommodation**

We pay benefits for travel and non-hospital accommodation related to an eligible hospital admission. Travel benefits are payable where the patient must travel more than 200km return. Accommodation costs per admission are limited to \$40 and travel costs are set at \$0.15 per km. The total combined benefit payable for travel and accommodation is \$75 per admission. Conditions apply, refer to your Member Guide.

### **Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)-type devices**

Up to \$500 benefit per member every 5 years towards the hire or purchase of an approved device. Conditions apply, refer to your Member Guide.



### **24/7 Medibank Nurse**

Members are supported around the clock by Medibank nurses on our 24/7 Medibank Nurse telephone service. Call 1800 644 325 for expert health-related advice any time of the day.





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## Extras cover

This table shows the Extras services you can claim benefits for, annual limits and waiting periods that apply to these services. If you visit a provider from our large Members' Choice network you'll generally get better value for money. This means you can take advantage of capped rates. When you visit a non Members' Choice provider, you'll generally receive a lower benefit for those services. As long as the provider is a Medibank recognised provider, benefits are payable for services or items included under your cover.

Service category	Example items and services	Waiting periods	Amount you can claim	Annual limit	Sub-limits
<b>General dental*</b> Every member gets 100% back on up to two check-ups each year at a Members' Choice Advantage dentist (includes bitewing x-rays where required). And this doesn't count towards annual limits.†	Preventative treatment	2 months	Fixed Amount	\$800 Combined general dental & endodontic services annual limit 	\$300 during first 6 months of membership
	Dental examinations				
	Scale and clean				
	Surgical dental procedures (excluding hospital charges)	12 months			
	Endodontic services (e.g. root canal)	12 months			
<b>Optical*</b>	Frames	6 months	Fixed Amount	\$225	\$92 for frames
	Prescription lenses				\$200 for contact lenses
	Contact lenses				
<b>Physiotherapy*</b>	Consultations only	2 months	Fixed Amount	\$300	No sub-limit
	Clinical Pilates				
	Hydrotherapy sessions				
<b>Prescription pharmaceuticals (non-PBS)</b>	Includes most prescription-only items not subsidised by the Government. Benefits will be paid after a set charge has been deducted. It's important to note that we don't pay benefits for oral contraceptives or for pharmaceuticals prescribed for cosmetic purposes.	2 months	Fixed Amount	\$300	No sub-limit
<b>Major Dental</b>	Periodontics (e.g. treatment of gum disease)	12 months	Fixed Amount	Flexi-Fund With Silver Plus Smart Options these services are included under the Flexi-Fund	No sub-limit
	Crowns, dentures and bridges				
	Major restorative fillings (e.g. veneers)				
	Orthodontics (e.g. braces)				
<b>Chiropractic*</b>	Consultations only	2 months	Fixed Amount	You can claim up to \$300 per person \$600 per membership 	No sub-limit
<b>Osteopathy</b>					
<b>Acupuncture*</b>					
<b>Natural therapies</b>	Consultations for remedial massage*	2 months	Fixed Amount		\$100 sub-limit
	Consultations for exercise physiology and Chinese medicine				

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Service category	Example items and services	Waiting periods	Amount you can claim	Annual limit	Sub-limits
<b>Podiatry*</b> 	Consultations and approved orthotics	2 months	Fixed Amount	Flexi-Fund continued, refer above	No sub-limit
<b>Breathing appliances</b> 	Peak flow meters, nebulisers and spacing devices only	12 months	Fixed Amount		\$180 per membership every 3 years
<b>Blood glucose monitors</b> 	Purchase of devices only	24 months	Fixed Amount		\$240 per membership every 3 years & \$150 per person every 3 years
<b>Occupational therapy</b>	Consultations only	2 months	Fixed Amount		No sub-limit
<b>Speech therapy</b>	Consultations only				
<b>Eye therapy</b>	Consultations only				
<b>Mental health support</b>	Consultations for psychology and counselling	None	Fixed Amount		No sub-limit
<b>Health appliances &amp; external prostheses</b> 	Insulin delivery pens, pressure therapy garments, braces, splints, orthoses, post-mastectomy bras and external mammary prostheses/breast forms	2 months	Fixed Amount		Sub-limits & other restrictions apply please contact us for details
<b>Dietetics</b>	Consultations and Jenny Craig weight loss benefit				
<b>Hearing aids</b>	Purchase of devices	36 months	Fixed Amount	No sub-limit	

 Benefit Replacement Periods apply.  A referral letter is required. Refer to your Member Guide for more information

\* Members' Choice providers are available for these services only.

^ Members can claim a maximum of two 100% back dental check-ups per member, per year either at a Members' Choice Advantage dentist (including up to two bitewing x-rays per check-up where required), or a Members' Choice dentist (excluding x-rays), or a combination of both. These check-ups do not count towards annual limits.

## PackageBonus

This cover includes a PackageBonus which accumulates each year (up to a maximum amount) to help you pay for a range of approved membership and health-related expenses. Any member may claim PackageBonus benefits up to the maximum membership limit. Entitlements apply from 1 January after the 6 month waiting period has been served.

<b>Single membership</b>	Starts at \$50 and increases by \$100 per year to a maximum limit of \$500
<b>Couple/Family membership</b>	Starts at \$100 and increases by \$200 per year to a maximum limit of \$1000

Any unused PackageBonus will be added to the following year's entitlement up to the maximum membership limit shown above, provided you stay on the same membership and on a cover with a PackageBonus.

## ? Things you need to know about your Extras cover

<p><b>Waiting periods</b></p> <p>A waiting period applies when you join Medibank, or change your cover to include new or upgraded services. We won't pay benefits for any items purchased or services received while you are serving a waiting period.</p>
<p><b>Switching from another health insurer?</b></p> <p>You may not need to re-serve waiting periods if you join Medibank within 2 months of leaving your previous health insurer, and you've already served the waiting period for that service. Benefits paid under your previous cover will be taken into account in determining the benefits payable under your Medibank cover.</p>
<p><b>Annual limits</b></p> <p>An annual limit is the maximum amount of benefits we pay towards services and/or items within a calendar year. A combined limit is an annual limit that applies to a group of services and/or items.</p>
<p><b>Sub-limit</b></p> <p>This is the maximum amount you can receive on an annual basis (or within other defined periods of time) for a particular item or service within an overall annual limit.</p>
<p><b>Fixed Amount</b></p> <p>This is the amount we'll pay towards the cost of an Extras service or item. It will generally be lower than the amount you would receive when you visit a Members' Choice provider. The amount of the Fixed Amount depends on the cover you hold and the type of service or item you receive.</p>

## 1 Benefit Replacement Periods

This is the amount of time you need to wait from the date you purchase an item, before we pay towards a replacement for it. Below are the benefit replacement periods that apply to your cover. Additional limitations may apply to some individual dental items and services, please contact us on **132 331** before your treatment.

Benefit replacement periods are separate to waiting periods.

Service category	Items	Benefit replacement period
General dental	Mouthguards	12 months
Health appliances and external prostheses	External mammary prostheses and repairs of external prostheses	12 months
	Wigs, hip protectors and insulin delivery pens	24 months
	Other health appliances and external prostheses	36 months
Blood glucose monitors	Blood glucose monitors	36 months
Breathing appliances	Peak flow meters and nebulisers (per membership)	
	Spacing devices	
Major dental	Dentures, crowns and bridges	60 months
Hearing aids	Hearing aids	

## Making the most of your Extras cover

### Use Members' Choice Extras providers

We've negotiated capped prices that Members' Choice Extras providers can charge, which generally means more money back in your pocket. You can still use a non-Members' Choice Extras provider, as long as they're recognised by Medibank, but you won't be able to take advantage of the capped pricing.

Members' Choice Advantage providers are part of our Members' Choice Network. If you visit a Members' Choice Advantage provider, you can get 100% back on up to two dental check-ups per year (includes bitewing x-rays if required). Plus you can also get 100% back on a mouthguard each year (subject to your annual limits and capped prices).

It's important to be aware that Medibank's Members' Choice and Members' Choice Advantage Extras providers are subject to change without notice, and are not available in all areas, so please check if they're a Members' Choice or Members' Choice Advantage provider before your treatment or service.

Find your nearest Members' Choice provider at [medibank.com.au/memberschoice](https://medibank.com.au/memberschoice)

### Check your available Extras balances

You can see your available Extras balances online at My Medibank. You can also update your details, check what your cover includes, make a payment and much more.

Best of all, it only takes two minutes to sign up for My Medibank, at [medibank.com.au/members](https://medibank.com.au/members)

You can also download the My Medibank app on your smartphone. Just search for My Medibank in your app store or go to [medibank.com.au/mobile](https://medibank.com.au/mobile)

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## How to find out more

Health insurance can be complicated, that's why we've prepared a glossary of useful terms that you can view online at [medibank.com.au/glossary](https://medibank.com.au/glossary)

This information is current as at 15 October 2020 and subject to change from time to time. If you'd like to change your cover, please contact us on **132 331**. Membership of Medibank Private is subject to our Fund Rules and policies which we can change from time to time and are summarised in our Member Guide.

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