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Corporate Health Cover

# Rio Tinto Medical Plus



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Rio Tinto Medical Plus provides eligible employees and their families with reimbursement (subject to terms and conditions and limits) for certain expenses incurred due to unplanned events.

It's provided at no cost to you and benefits are paid directly by Rio Tinto through your payroll. You don't need to be a Medibank member to have access. Medical Plus forms are available from [riotinto.medibank.com.au](https://riotinto.medibank.com.au)



## Hospital gaps

Full reimbursement of eligible hospital and in-hospital medical out-of-pocket expenses associated with a same-day or overnight hospital admission above \$1,000 after the reimbursement from Medicare and your private health insurer, which is the maximum designated employee out-of-pocket limit.

- All eligible out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the employee and their immediate family count towards the maximum employee out-of-pocket
- After the designated maximum limit is reached, all eligible hospital and in-hospital medical out-of-pocket expenses are covered by Rio Tinto Medical Plus



## Eligible out-of-pocket hospital expenses

**Medical Plus pays benefits towards the following services:**

- Hospital excess
- Hospital and in-hospital medical out-of-pocket expenses that apply after benefits have been paid by Medicare and the individual's private health insurer (subject to there being no restrictions for the service provided)
- High cost non-PBS pharmaceuticals prescribed as part of the hospital admission (where approved based on defined assessment criteria e.g. TGA listing, clinical evidence supporting use for prescribed purpose)

**Medical Plus doesn't pay benefits towards the following services:**

- Booking fees charged by specialists
- Benefits for Excluded or Restricted services under the employee's hospital insurance product
- Benefits for services carried out while an employee is serving a waiting period
- Services not listed on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS)
- Cosmetic treatments
- Any outpatient medical fees or services



## Private hospital emergency department fees

Reimbursement of administration fees charged by private hospital emergency departments (not reimbursed by Medicare and generally not claimable through private health insurance).

- Limit of \$300 per eligible family member per calendar year



## Travel and accommodation costs for regional and remote residential employees

Reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses for specialist medical services not available locally. Subject to limits. For more information, see next page.



## Funeral expenses

Benefit towards the costs associated with a funeral for an employee or their immediate family and parents/parent-in-law residing in the employee's home. Immediate family includes dependants who are the employee's spouse, de facto partner or child.

- Limit of \$6,000 per eligible family member



## Funeral related travel

Reimbursement of travel expenses for funeral related travel to attend the funeral of a specified family member that requires travel of more than 100 km from the employee's residential address to attend. Subject to Immediate Leader, MRU Leader/Department Leader or General Manager (in the case of air travel) approval and the terms and conditions being met.

Funeral related travel includes a return economy airfare within Australia for employees and their spouse (or one other dependant) to attend the funeral of a specified family member of the employee or their partner (spouse or de facto). Specified family members include the employee's spouse, de facto partner, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandparent or child of the employee or their partner (spouse or de facto).

- Child includes offspring, adopted or ward child of an employee, the employee's spouse, or the employee's de facto partner
- A de facto partner is a person who is living with the employee as a couple on a genuine domestic basis who are not married to each other or related by family



## Eligible travel and accommodation expenses

### Surface travel

- Private vehicle travel is reimbursed using the ATO prescribed per kilometre rate at the time of claim using the most direct route regardless of the route taken
- Full cost of rail or coach travel at the lowest economy fare

### Air travel

- The cost of the lowest available economy airfare on a direct route

### Accommodation

- Up to \$200 per night (room only)
- \$50 if staying with family/friends

### **Travel and accommodation expenses are claimable under Rio Tinto Medical Plus, subject to manager approval and the following conditions being met:**

- An employee or eligible family member has been referred by a medical practitioner for treatment or access to specialist medical services that are not available locally (i.e. within 100km of their residential location)
- In the case of accommodation expenses, an overnight stay is deemed necessary because additional or follow-up appointments are required the following day or the forward and returning journeys cannot reasonably be completed in one day
- In the case of air travel, the employee's General Manager must approve this mode of transport as the most efficient, in regards to cost and journey time. As a general guide, anything over a 10 hour return road trip may warrant the use of air travel as an alternative
- Travel and accommodation expenses from the relevant State based patient travel assistance scheme must be claimed first. The reimbursement amount will be less any expense reimbursement through the patient travel assistance scheme\*

For further information including terms and conditions, visit [myRioTinto.com](https://myRioTinto.com) > [myBenefits](#) > **Rio Tinto Medical Plus**

\* For Gladstone-based employees, refer to the Medical Plus Travel and Accommodation - Gladstone Region Quick Reference Guide (QRG).

# Rio Tinto Better Health Cover FAQs

## **Will I have to serve my waiting periods again if I move from a different insurer to Medibank?**

Provided that you join Medibank within two months of leaving your previous insurer, you generally won't need to re-serve any waiting periods you have already served. This means you'll generally only need to serve waiting periods for any treatments or items:

- that were not included under your previous cover
- for which you have not fully served the waiting period
- that have an increased benefit. If you've served the waiting periods for the lower benefits on your previous equivalent cover, benefits will be paid at that level until you've served your new waiting periods.

## **I'm with another private health fund and don't want to change, what does this mean for me?**

Rio Tinto and Medibank have worked very hard to bring to you a great product range, designed especially for Rio Tinto employees.

If you choose not to move to the Rio Tinto Better Health Cover products, you will not be eligible for Rio Tinto subsidised health cover.

Eligible employees who were previously receiving a subsidy through the former Staff Medical Assistance Scheme (SMAS), either monthly via payroll or annually via a RTTMS request, will continue to receive that subsidy.

However, those employees who are eligible to receive the former SMAS subsidy should be aware that the amount of subsidy payable under the old arrangement has been frozen with no further indexing of the subsidy being applied by the company since the introduction of the Rio Tinto Better Health Cover.

## **What happens if I leave Rio Tinto?**

If you have joined the Rio Tinto Better Health Cover products with Medibank and subsequently leave the company, you will need to contact Medibank to discuss your change of cover, either to the equivalent retail product (i.e. without the Rio Tinto discount and subsidy) or another product suitable to your needs.

You will also need to arrange to pay your premiums directly to Medibank from the date you leave Rio Tinto. You will not be covered by Rio Tinto Medical Plus after your cessation date.

For queries relating to Rio Tinto Better Health Cover subsidy or Medical Plus contact **AskHR@riotinto.com** or call **1300 66 77 03**.

For all queries relating to Medibank cover contact the Medibank Platinum Helpline on **1800 RIO RIO (746 746)**.