

## Silver Extras

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**This information is important, please read and retain for future reference.**

Moderate level of cover on a commonly used range of services with a medium level of benefits and annual limits.

#### Waiting periods

Waiting periods exist to protect members from claims made by those who join the fund or increase their level of cover because they have an ailment or illness that may require treatment.

Waiting periods will apply to:

- New memberships (previously uninsured).
- Additions to a membership (unless the addition/s has already served all waiting periods with GMHBA or another fund) except newborns, adopted and permanent foster children where the family membership has been in existence for at least 2 months.
- Existing GMHBA memberships, and transfers to GMHBA from another fund where the level of cover and/or benefit entitlement is upgraded or increased and/or where the waiting periods have not been completed.

Extras Service	Waiting Periods	Benefit
<b>Ambulance subscription/transport<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>N/A</b>	
Annual subscription refund		65%
Transport benefit (per trip)		65% up to \$300
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$500
<b>Audiology<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2 months</b>	
Initial visit		65%
Subsequent visit		65%
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$400
<b>Blood glucose monitor<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>12 months</b>	
Benefit		65% up to \$150
<b>Chiropractic / Osteopathy<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2 months</b>	
Initial visit		65%
2-10 subsequent visits		65%
Further visits		65%
Chiropractic x-ray (1 per person)		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$300
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$600
<b>Dental</b>		
<b>Major Dental</b> (see important note for dental)	<b>12 months</b>	

**Important note: The table opposite must be read along with the footnotes below**

- 1. Ambulance** – To be fully covered for Ambulance services, we recommend that you take out an ambulance subscription in your state or territory. You can claim a refund on one ambulance subscription per membership each calendar year. A transport trip is claimable however this will not cover the entire cost and therefore will result in significant out of pocket costs. Publicly funded ambulance services and State Government transport schemes are excluded.
- 2. Audiology** – The annual limit of \$400 per person each calendar year includes combined benefits for audiology, speech therapy and eye therapy.
- 3. Blood glucose monitor** – Benefits are limited to one monitor per membership every three years. A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits.
- 4. Chiropractic/Osteopathy** – There is a limit of one chiropractic x-ray per person each calendar year. Benefits will be paid for one consultation per provider per day. The annual limit of \$350 per person/single membership and \$600 per family membership each calendar year includes combined benefits for chiropractic (including chiropractic, x-rays), osteopathy, naturopathy, homeopathy and acupuncture.

**Important note for Dental:** The benefits shown are the annual limits for each type of dental service. There are further sub limits within some of these dental services.

<b>Orthodontic</b> – Benefits example: Fixed appliance treatment – upper and lower jaw treatment by a registered specialist	12 months	
Maximum benefits per calendar year		65% up to \$320 per year incr. to \$570 at 6 years.
Maximum benefit per course of treatment		\$1,710
Lifetime benefit limit		\$1,900
<b>Dentures</b> (see important note for dental)	12 months	
New full upper and lower dentures per 2 years		65% up to \$420
<b>Combined crown and bridgework</b> (see important note for dental)	12 months	
Annual limit per person per calendar year		65% up to \$450
<b>Indirect restorations</b> (see important note for dental)	12 months	
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		65% up to \$350
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		65% up to \$700
<b>Implants</b> (see important note for dental)	12 months	
Annual limit per person each calendar year		65% up to \$500
<b>General Dental</b> (For more information see general dental note)	2 months	
a) Diagnostic services	2 months	65%
b) Preventative services e.g. periodic examination 2 per calendar year, removal of plaque 3 per calendar year. Annual limit per person per calendar year.	2 months	65% up to \$400 per person
c) Simple extractions (not including surgical extractions of wisdom teeth)	2 months	65%
d) Restorative services (limited benefits apply to precious restorations)	2 months	65%
<b>Annual limit</b> (see important note for dental)		
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$1,500
<b>Dietetics</b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
Subsequent visit		65%
Class attendance		65%
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$400
<b>Extremity pump</b> <sup>5</sup>	12 months	
Benefit		65% up to \$300
<b>Eye therapy and speech therapy</b> <sup>6</sup>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
Subsequent visit		65%
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$400

**General Dental** – There are a range of dental procedures that cannot be claimed when provided on the same day e.g. a filling that has been removed. There are also limits on the number of dental procedures you can have e.g. periodic examinations are limited to two per calendar year.

Dental benefits for some procedures cannot be paid unless tooth identifications (ID) are supplied by the provider.

The general dental limits for dental examinations and scale and clean procedures are available per person on a calendar year basis.

For services other than Dental, benefits for one initial consultation are available each calendar year.

**Preventative Dental** – Benefits are based on specific item numbers. We recommend you contact GMHBA for a benefit estimate to confirm the benefit payable.

5. **Extremity pump** – Benefits are limited to one extremity pump per membership every three years. A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits.
6. **Eye therapy and speech therapy** – The annual limit of \$400 per person each calendar year includes combined benefits for audiology, eye therapy and speech therapy.
7. **Fluoride dietary supplement** - Benefits are only payable towards the cost of dietary fluoride supplements (tablet or liquid form) dispensed by a chemist or dentist in private practice.

<b>Fluoride dietary supplement<sup>7</sup></b>	2 months	
Benefit of up to		65%
Maximum benefit per person each calendar year		\$45
<b>Hearing aids</b>	12 months	
Benefit up to		65%
Maximum benefit per person every 3 years		\$1,200
<b>Naturopathy/Homeopathy/Acupuncture<sup>8</sup></b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
2-10 subsequent visits		65%
Further visits		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$300
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$600
<b>Nebuliser pump<sup>9</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit		65% up to \$150
<b>Nursing – Visiting/Home/Registered Nurse (Private Practice)<sup>10</sup></b>	2 months	
Home (bush) nursing benefit for each visit		65%
Visiting/Registered nurse (private practice) benefit per hour		65%
Maximum benefit each day		65%
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$1,000
<b>Occupational therapy<sup>11</sup></b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
2-10 subsequent visits		65%
Further visits		65%
Annual limits per person /single membership each calendar year		\$400
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$800
<b>Optical<sup>12</sup></b>	6 months	
Prescription spectacles, contact lenses and frames – benefit of up to		65%
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$200
<b>Orthopaedic appliances<sup>13</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit of up to		65%
Limit per person every 3 years		\$300
<b>Orthopaedic appliance repairs</b>	2 months	
Annual limit per person each calendar year		65% up to \$40
<b>Orthotic appliances (foot)<sup>14</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit of up to		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$200
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$400

**8. Naturopathy/Homeopathy/Acupuncture** – Benefits will be paid for one consultation and/or treatment per provider per day. The annual limit of \$300 per person/single membership and \$600 per family membership each calendar year includes combined benefits for naturopathy, homeopathy, acupuncture, chiropractic and osteopathy.

**9. Nebuliser pump** - Benefits are limited to one nebuliser pump per membership every three years. A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits.

**10. Nursing** – Visiting/home/registered nurse (private practice) – The annual limit of \$1,000 per person each calendar year includes combined benefits for home (bush) nursing and visiting/registered nurse. Visiting nurse benefits apply towards a registered nurse in private practice on recommendation from a medical practitioner.

**11. Occupational therapy** - The annual limit of \$400 per person/single membership and \$800 per family membership each calendar year includes combined benefits for occupational therapy, physiotherapy, myotherapy and hydrotherapy.

**12. Optical** - Non-prescription sunglasses and repairs are excluded.

**13. Orthopaedic appliances (GMHBA approved)** – Must be custom made or approved by GMHBA. A doctor's letter recommending the appliance must accompany each claim for benefits. Orthopaedic appliances attract benefits where the application of which has resulted from, and is required immediately following the injury or surgery to the injury necessitating the appliance, for purposes other than or additional to support. For an appliance to be custom made, a plaster cast or mould must be taken. Customising, heat moulding, trimming or adjusting an existing 'off the shelf' appliance does not involve this process and therefore does not constitute a custom made appliance. There are some conditions therefore we recommend you call 1300 446 422 for a benefit estimate to confirm the benefit payable. The limit of \$300 per person is available every three years.

**14. Orthotic appliances (foot)** – Orthotic appliances must be custom made. For an orthosis to be custom made, a plaster cast or mould must be taken. Customising, heat moulding, trimming or adjusting an existing 'off the shelf' appliance does not involve this process and therefore does not constitute a custom made appliance. The annual limit of \$200 per person each calendar year includes combined benefits for podiatry visits, orthotic appliances (foot) and podiatric surgical procedures.

**15. Pharmacy** - Private Script Benefits are only payable towards the cost of prescription pharmaceuticals dispensed via a provider in a private practice. Benefits are not payable towards the cost of contraceptives or NHS (PBS) prescriptions, food supplements, natural therapies (including Modifast/Optifast), over the counter items purchased with or without a prescription and pharmaceuticals purchased overseas and not listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.

<b>Pharmacy – private script<sup>15</sup></b>	2 months	
Members pay the first maximum PBS contribution then the following benefit is paid towards the balance		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$250
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$450
<b>Physiotherapy/Myotherapy/Hydrotherapy<sup>16</sup></b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
2-10 subsequent visits		65%
Further visits		65%
Class attendance		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$400
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$800
<b>Podiatry<sup>17</sup></b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
Subsequent visit		65%
Comprehensive treatment – initial visit		65%
Comprehensive treatment – subsequent visit		65%
Surgical procedures – benefit of up to	12 months	65% up to \$115
Annual limit per person each calendar year		\$250
<b>Pressure garments<sup>18</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit of up to		65%
Maximum benefit per person each calendar year		\$200
<b>Prostheses (non-surgical)<sup>19</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit of up to		65%
Maximum benefit per item, every 3 years		\$200
<b>Psychology</b>	2 months	
Initial visit		65%
Second visit		65%
Subsequent visit		65%
Group therapy initial visit		65%
Group therapy second visit		65%
Group therapy subsequent visit		65%
Annual limit per person/single membership each calendar year		\$350
Annual limit per family membership each calendar year		\$600
<b>Sleep apnoea monitor<sup>20</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit		65% up to \$200
<b>Tens monitor<sup>21</sup></b>	12 months	
Benefit		65% up to \$100

**16. Physiotherapy/Myotherapy/Hydrotherapy** – For physiotherapy and hydrotherapy only class attendance is limited to \$240 per person each calendar year and this limit is included with your annual limit. Benefits will be paid for one consultation and/or treatment per provider per day. Physiotherapy consultation must be for a minimum of 15 – 20 minutes to qualify for one-on-one physiotherapy benefits.

The annual limit of \$400 per person/single membership and \$800 per family membership each calendar year includes combined benefits for physiotherapy, myotherapy, occupational therapy and hydrotherapy.

**17. Podiatry** – The annual limit of \$250 per person each calendar year includes combined benefits for podiatry visits, podiatric surgical procedures and orthotic appliances (foot).

**18. Pressure garments** – Are used for the treatment of burns, lymphoedema or for post-operative surgery up to 60 days from hospital discharge. For benefits to be payable garments must be supplied through a private company or therapist in a private practice. A doctor's letter recommending the appliance must accompany each claim for benefits. We recommend you contact GMHBA for a benefit estimate to confirm the benefit payable. The limit of \$200 per person is available every three years for pressure garments.

**19. Prostheses (non-surgical)** – Prostheses include a range of approved non-surgically implanted prostheses (eg wigs). A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits. We recommend you contact GMHBA for a benefit estimate to confirm the benefit payable.

**20. Sleep apnoea monitor** – Benefits are limited to one monitor per membership every three years. A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits.

**21. Tens monitor** – Benefits are limited to one tens monitor per membership every three years. A doctor's letter of recommendation must accompany each claim for benefits.

**Important**

All extras services must be provided by practitioners in a private practice who are appropriately registered with recognised bodies approved by GMHBA. We recommend you contact us for a benefit estimate before commencing treatment to confirm the benefit payable. For services other than dental, benefits for one initial consultation per therapy type are available each calendar year.

**Find out more**

If you're planning treatment, please call us to discuss your options to ensure you're covered and have served all relevant waiting and benefit limitation periods.

For further information please call 1300 446 422, visit your local branch or [gmhba.com.au](http://gmhba.com.au).