



Basic Hospital Cover

Effective from 1 February 2014



Basic Hospital

If you generally feel fit and healthy, Basic Hospital may offer the right level of protection for you.

With Basic Hospital you can receive treatment for accidents in one of the 500 private hospitals we have an agreement with, and you won't pay the \$500 excess.

Available for singles or couples only, Basic Hospital takes care of the essentials. It's our most affordable cover, perfect if you're looking for hospital cover that will look after you if you have an accident or just want to avoid paying additional tax.

Excess details

Excess is the additional amount you agree to pay towards accommodation costs if you need hospital treatment.

Basic Hospital has a \$500 excess. Singles will only pay an excess for the first hospital admission each year. Couples will only pay an excess for the first two hospital admissions each year.

No hospital excess for accidents

With Basic Hospital you won't pay an excess when you are admitted due to an accident.



At a glance

Accident only private hospital cover

- ✓ Accommodation and theatre fees
- ✓ Day surgery and procedures

Restrictions

- ⊖ Psychiatric
- ⊖ Rehabilitation

Private hospital cover

- ✓ Emergency ambulance transportation
- ✓ Tonsil removal
- ✓ Wisdom teeth removal
- ✓ Appendix removal
- ✓ Adenoid removal
- ✓ Joint reconstructions and investigations

Exclusions

- ✗ All other in-hospital treatments not included or listed



Health Support Programs

These programs, which we tailor to specifically meet your needs, aim to increase your knowledge, skills and confidence – and ultimately, help improve or sustain your health and wellbeing.

- Bone Health
- Diabetes Action
- Healthy Heart
- Vascular Health
- Heart Failure Program
- Living with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- Risk Factor Management Program
- Integrated Care Program

More detailed information can be found in your member guide or at australianunity.com.au/wellnessbenefits

Additional information



Basic Hospital

Agreement private hospitals

Public hospital

Accident cover	✓ Covered Only for accidents occurring after joining this level of cover. No excess applies.	
Accommodation	✓ Covered Only payable for accidents and selected procedures.	⊖ Restricted For selected procedures.
Theatre fees	✓ Covered Only payable for accidents and selected procedures.	⊖ Restricted For selected procedures.
Day surgery and procedures <i>Including investigations like a colonoscopy.</i>	✓ Covered Only payable for accidents and selected procedures.	⊖ Restricted For selected procedures.
Doctors bills	✓ Covered Australian Unity's Gap Cover scheme means either no costs or reduced out-of-pocket costs for you on any in-patient medical charges. Visit australianunity.com.au/gap-cover to confirm if your doctor participates in the scheme.	
Tonsil removal	✓ Covered	⊖ Restricted
Surgical removal of wisdom teeth	✓ Covered Excludes dental service charges	⊖ Restricted
Appendix removal	✓ Covered	⊖ Restricted
Joint reconstructions and investigations	✓ Covered	⊖ Restricted
Adenoid removal	✓ Covered	⊖ Restricted
Surgical prosthesis	✓ Covered We will cover 100% of the minimum cost for government approved surgically implanted items for selected procedures and accidents.	
Pregnancy and related services	✗ Not covered	
Psychiatric hospitalisation	⊖ Restricted	
Rehabilitation	⊖ Restricted	
Heart-related services	✗ Not covered	
Hip or knee replacement and revisions	✗ Not covered	
Renal dialysis	✗ Not covered	
Gastric reduction, obesity surgery and revisions	✗ Not covered	
Emergency ambulance transportation	✓ Covered Claims will be paid if the transport is coded and invoiced as emergency transport by a recognised State Ambulance authority. Includes two ambulance attendances per year, where you are not taken to hospital.	
Hospital Care at Home and Rehabilitation at Home	✓ Covered Receive short-term support from one of our approved service providers in the comfort of your own home to avoid or reduce a hospital stay following an accident related hospital admission, when referred by a medical practitioner.	
Non-Medicare hospital treatment	✗ Not covered	



Waiting periods

A waiting period is the amount of months you have to wait after joining or upgrading, until you can make a claim for a service or treatment.

Basic Hospital's waiting periods are:

- 1 day – accident cover
- 2 months – psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care
- 12 months – all pre-existing conditions except psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care

Remember, if you transfer to Australian Unity from another health fund and your previous cover was of a similar or higher level than Basic Hospital, you won't re-serve any waiting periods. If you are unsure, simply contact us on 13 29 39.



Pre-existing conditions

A pre-existing condition is an illness, ailment or condition where the signs or symptoms existed up to six months before and on the day you joined Australian Unity or upgraded your cover, irrespective of whether you were aware of it.

If you make a hospital claim in the first 12 months of your membership, we may ask you to get your first consulting doctor (eg your dentist, GP or specialist) to complete a medical report. The report will help our appointed medical advisor assess if your treatment relates to a pre-existing condition. You should ask us to carry out this assessment before going into hospital.



Restricted

Restricted services are hospital claims which are limited to a basic default benefit. This is the minimum dollar amount set by the Australian Government for accommodation as a private patient in a shared room of a public hospital. A restricted service does not pay any money towards the cost of intensive or coronary care, labour ward or theatre fees in a private hospital or private day centre. Contact us on 13 29 39 for more information.



Accident

Australian Unity defines an accident as any injury that occurs due to an unintentional or unexpected act, which requires timely treatment by a registered medical practitioner.

Accidents arising from surgical procedures, falling pregnant, or symptoms related to pre-existing conditions don't fall under this definition.

Likewise, if the accident was alcohol related or brought about by drug use, an unforeseen illness or other medical condition, we won't consider that to be an accident.



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Australian Unity is a signatory to the Private Health Insurance Code of Conduct. For details go to privatehealth.com.au/codeofconduct

This documentation should be read carefully and retained. Please refer to Australian Unity's terms and conditions for information on your cover. Information is current as at the effective date, 1 February 2014, and is subject to change.

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