



Hospital Essentials

Hospital Cover

Effective from 1 April 2013

Want a generous level of hospital cover that gives you access to pregnancy related services?

With Hospital Essentials you can be looked after in one of over 500 private hospitals we have an agreement with. The cover can be used for heart-related related treatments, rehabilitation services, a range of day surgery procedures and more.

You can also take advantage of several preventative health benefits like doctor health checks, quit smoking, plus weight loss and fitness help.

Excess and co-payment

This cover has a \$500 excess. You will only pay an excess on the first hospital admission each year for singles cover, or for the first two hospital admissions each year for couples or family cover.

For pregnancy admissions, a co-payment of \$75 per night will apply for hospital stays from day one, capped at \$450.

At a glance

Hospital features

- ✓ Accommodation and theatre fees
- ✓ Emergency ambulance transportation
- ✓ Day surgery and procedures
- ✓ Pregnancy related services
- ✓ Heart-related services
- ✓ Rehabilitation
- ✓ Surgical prosthesis
- ✓ Sterilisations and reversals

Restrictions and exclusions

- ⊖ Psychiatric
- ⊖ Hip or knee replacement
- ⊖ Gastric reduction surgery
- ⊖ Major eye surgery
- ✗ Renal dialysis
- ✗ Fertility treatments

Health benefits and features

Keeping happy and healthy is important. To make staying healthy simple, your cover has these useful health benefits included:

Health support programs

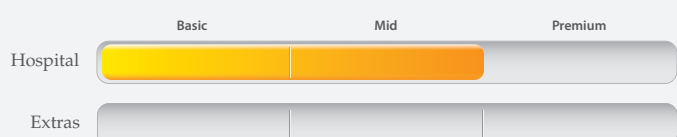
- Hospital Care at Home
- Rehabilitation at Home
- Bone Health Program
- Diabetes Action Program
- Healthy Heart Program
- Vascular Health Program
- Heart Failure Program
- Risk Factor Management Program

Preventative health benefits

- Lift for Life
- Doctor health checks
- Cervical cancer vaccinations
- Quit smoking program
- Weight loss program
- Step into Life
- Diabetes Australia membership
- Personal health coaching

For detailed information on benefit limits, waiting periods and program approvals, please refer to your Member Guide or visit australianunity.com.au/wellnessbenefits

Level of Cover



Simple. Useful.

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Hospital Benefits	Agreement Private Hospitals	Public Hospital as a Private patient in a Private or Shared Room
Accommodation	✓ Covered	
Theatre fees	✓ Covered Benefit restrictions and exclusions apply.	
Day surgery and procedures <i>Including investigations like a colonoscopy.</i>	✓ Covered	
Pregnancy and related services	✓ Covered Co-payment of \$75 per night capped at \$450 applies.	
Fertility treatments <i>Assisted reproductive treatments such as IVF or GIFT.</i>	✗ Not Covered	
Psychiatric	⊖ Restricted Basic default benefits apply.	✓ Covered In a shared room as a private patient.
Rehabilitation	✓ Covered	✓ Covered In your first year you will be covered only in a shared room as a private patient, in your second and subsequent years you'll be covered for both a private or shared room.
Heart-related services	✓ Covered	
Major eye surgery <i>Includes cataracts and lens procedures.</i>	⊖ Restricted Basic default benefits apply.	
Hip or knee replacement and revisions	⊖ Restricted Basic default benefits apply.	
Surgical prosthesis	✓ Covered	
Renal dialysis	✗ Not Covered	
Gastric reduction and obesity procedures	⊖ Restricted 24 months restriction on benefits for private treatment.	✓ Covered In a shared room as a private patient.
Sterilisations and reversals	✓ Covered	
Medical Gap Cover	✓ Covered Australian Unity's Gap Cover scheme means either no costs or reduced out-of-pocket costs for you on inpatient medical charges. You should check with your doctor to confirm they participate in the scheme.	
Emergency ambulance transportation	✓ Covered For admission or treatment at a hospital. The account must be coded as emergency transportation by the ambulance service to qualify for benefits.	
Home nursing	✓ Covered 100% for private nursing care to replace hospitalisation when referred by a medical practitioner. The benefit must be approved by Australian Unity and the nurse must be in a private practice and recognised by Australian Unity.	
Hospital treatment not eligible under Medicare	⊖ Restricted Treatments such as podiatric surgery are limited to medical bed fee only. Please contact Australian Unity before undergoing treatment.	

Additional information

Planning a family

It is important that members with a single Hospital Cover upgrade to a family level of cover once you receive confirmation of pregnancy. This will ensure your baby will be covered at birth, and in the event of any complications found during pregnancy, provided waiting periods have been served.

Waiting periods

Waiting periods apply to all hospital and medical treatments and services. Benefits are not payable until completion of the following waiting periods:

- 2 months – psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care
- 9 months – pregnancy and related services in shared room in a public hospital
- 12 months – pregnancy and related services in a private hospital
- 12 months – all pre-existing conditions except psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care
- 24 months – gastric reduction and obesity surgery – benefits are restricted and no benefit payable for treatment in a private hospital until this time.

Members transferring from another health fund to an equivalent level of cover will not have to re-serve these waiting periods. To check if a waiting period applies, please contact Australian Unity on 13 29 39.

Pre-existing conditions

A pre-existing condition is any illness, ailment or condition, the signs or symptoms of which were known, or which a medical or paramedical practitioner appointed by us considers, after examining information furnished by your doctor, and any other relevant information, were in existence at any time during the six months ending on the day on which you became insured. This is irrespective of whether you were aware of the illness, ailment or condition.

Restricted benefits

Restricted benefits are Hospital benefits that 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 ward or room of a public hospital. A restricted benefit does not provide any benefits for intensive or coronary care, labour ward or theatre fees in a private hospital or private day centre. Contact Australian Unity for applicable benefit entitlements.



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Any Questions? Talk to us on 13 29 39

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