

# Cover Summary

## Overseas Visitors

### Everyday Hospital and Medical.

Here's a summary of the services and treatments provided by your cover. Please read it carefully 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.

**Here are the hospital services that are Included or Excluded under your 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 or Excluded	
Rehabilitation	x
Hospital psychiatric services	x
Palliative care	x
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	x
Lung and chest	✓
Blood	✓
Back, neck and spine	✓
Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)	✓
Dental surgery <sup>†</sup>	✓
Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon) <sup>‡</sup>	✓
Implantation of hearing devices	x
Cataracts	x
Joint replacements	x
Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	x
Pregnancy and birth	x
Assisted reproductive services	x
Weight loss surgery	x
Insulin pumps	x
Pain management with device	x
Sleep studies	x

## What does it mean?

### Included service

An Included service is a service where we pay benefits towards overnight and same-day hospital accommodation, intensive care, and medical services, when a valid Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item is billed. You'll need to pay any excess applicable to your cover before we'll pay a benefit.

### Excluded service

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

### **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.

### Ambulance services

Unlimited emergency ambulance services Australia-wide. 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.

### Public hospital accident and emergency departments

If you need to attend a public hospital accident and emergency department, we'll pay 100% of any 'facility fee' charged by the hospital for attending their accident and emergency department.

The fee may not include all medical services provided and out-of-pocket expenses may apply such as for x-rays, blood tests and any charges raised by the doctor above the benefit we pay.

We do not pay towards cosmetic treatment or services without an MBS item. Under your Hospital cover, we do not pay benefits towards pharmaceuticals. You may have large out-of-pocket expenses if you require high-cost drugs, such as those used in oncology (cancer treatment).

\* We will only pay towards cancer-related surgery related to an Included service under your cover.

<sup>†</sup>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 an MBS item number is billed, we will pay benefits towards the hospital and medical charges.

<sup>‡</sup>For Podiatric surgery we only pay benefits towards hospital charges. There are no MBS items 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

Any Excluded services 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.

## Medical cover

Your cover includes benefits towards medical services provided by a doctor, that are listed in the government's Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). The MBS is a list of medical services and their corresponding fees. We pay 100% of the MBS fee for:

- general practitioner (GP) consultations
- other medical services provided out-of-hospital (for example, specialists, pathology and x-rays), except where that service is Excluded under your Hospital cover
- in-hospital medical services provided as part of an Included service (for example, surgeon and anaesthetist fees)
- allied health services billed with an MBS item number (for example, eye checks and services related to chronic disease management plans), except psychology services.

You must pay any difference between the benefit we pay and the actual fee charged by the doctor.

## Things you need to know about your Hospital and Medical 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 two months of leaving your previous Australian health insurer, and you've already served the waiting period for that service.

Waiting periods	
None	Ambulance services.
	Out-of-hospital medical services (e.g GP consultations).
	Treatment for conditions requiring hospitalisation that are not deemed pre-existing conditions.
12 months	<b>Pre-existing conditions</b> An ailment, illness or condition that, in the opinion of a medical practitioner appointed by us, the signs or symptoms of which existed at any time in the six month period before the day that you became insured under the policy or changed your cover.

### Excess

This is the amount you pay towards your hospital admission (same-day or overnight) before we pay any benefits. There are two excess levels on this cover; \$250 and \$500.

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

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## Making the most of your Hospital cover

### Choosing a Hospital

We have arrangements with most private hospitals and day surgeries in Australia - these are known as Members' Choice hospitals. For an Included service in a **Members' Choice hospital**, we will pay the cost of overnight and same-day hospital accommodation in a shared or private room, intensive care, theatre fees and labour ward fees, after any excess has been deducted. You'll generally get better value for an Included service if you go to a Members' Choice hospital than to a Non-Members' Choice private hospital.

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 available in all areas.

If you're treated at a **Non-Members' Choice private hospital** for an Included service, 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** for an Included service, we'll pay the cost of overnight and same-day accommodation in a shared or private room, intensive care, theatre fees and labour ward fees, after any excess has been deducted. We'll also pay the cost of any public hospital accident and emergency facility fees, as well as benefits towards medical services received in their accident and emergency or outpatient departments.

### Choice of treating doctor or specialist

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

### Medical devices and human tissue products

For an Included service, we'll pay the minimum benefit as listed in the Australian Government's Prescribed List of Medical Devices and Human Tissue Products.

### 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.

### Manage your account online with My Medibank

Update your details, check what your cover includes and make a payment and more. My Medibank lets you manage your health cover wherever and whenever it suits you.

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

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## **Contact us beforehand**

### **Check in with us**

Where possible before booking or receiving treatment, you should always call us to ask about the benefits you can expect to receive and any out-of-pocket expenses you might incur.

It's also a good idea to confirm any out-of-pocket expenses before admission with the hospital and doctors (including the surgeon, assistant surgeon and anaesthetist).

## **Important information**

If at any time you gain access to full Medicare entitlements or your visa status changes (for example, you are granted permanent residency), this cover may no longer be suitable. Please notify Medibank if your circumstances change.

This Cover Summary may be updated from time to time. You can download the latest version from your My Medibank at [medibank.com.au/members](https://medibank.com.au/members)

## **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 1 February 2024 and subject to change from time to time. If you'd like to change your cover, please contact us on **132 331**.  
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