

## Private Health Information Statement - Hospital policy

### HealthStart Hospital Silver Plus

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#### Monthly Premium

**\$229.39<sup>#</sup>**

(before any rebate, loading or discount)

Covers only one person  
 Available in Victoria  
 Closed to new members

<sup>#</sup> You may be entitled to an Australian Government rebate on the above premium. Your premium may also include a Lifetime Health Cover loading or an insurer discount. Check with your insurer for details.

### Hospital cover

This policy exempts you from the Medicare Levy Surcharge.

This policy provides accident cover and benefits for travel or accommodation (outside of hospital) - check with your insurer for details.

#### ✓ Covered

For information on what is covered under each category, see <https://privatehealth.gov.au/categories>

#### R Restricted

Restricted categories partially cover your hospital costs as a private patient in a public hospital. You may incur significant expenses in a private room or private hospital.

#### ✗ Not Covered

These categories are not covered by this policy.

This policy ✓ includes cover for

✓ Assisted reproductive services	✓ Eye (not cataracts)	✓ Pain management
✓ Back, neck and spine	✓ Gastrointestinal endoscopy	✓ Pain management with device
✓ Blood	✓ Gynaecology	✓ Palliative care
✓ Bone, joint and muscle	✓ Heart and vascular system	✓ Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)
✓ Brain and nervous system	✓ Hernia and appendix	✓ Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon - limited benefits)
✓ Breast surgery (medically necessary)	✓ Implantation of hearing devices	✓ Pregnancy and birth
✓ Cataracts	✓ Insulin pumps	✓ Rehabilitation
✓ Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer	✓ Joint reconstructions	✓ Skin
✓ Dental surgery	✓ Joint replacements	✓ Sleep studies
✓ Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)	✓ Kidney and bladder	✓ Tonsils, adenoids and grommets
✓ Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	✓ Lung and chest	R Hospital psychiatric services
✓ Digestive system	✓ Male reproductive system	
✓ Ear, nose and throat	✓ Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy	

This policy ✗ does not include cover for

✗ Weight loss surgery

The benefits paid for hospital treatment will depend on the type of cover you purchase and whether your fund has an agreement in place with the hospital in which you are treated. See 'Agreement Hospitals' on [privatehealth.gov.au](http://privatehealth.gov.au) for [PrivateHealth.gov.au](http://PrivateHealth.gov.au)

which hospitals have arrangements with your insurer – <https://privatehealth.gov.au/dynamic/agreementhospitals>.

Under this policy, you may have to pay out-of-pocket costs above what you get from Medicare or your private health insurer. Before you go to hospital, you should ask your doctors, hospital and health insurer about any out-of-pocket costs that may apply to you.

[The following payments may also apply for hospital admissions](#)

**Excess:** You will have to pay an excess on admission. This is limited to a maximum of \$250 per person and \$250 per policy per year.

Excess payments do not apply to hospital admissions for accidents.

**Co-payments:** No co-payments

[The following waiting periods for hospital admissions apply to new or upgrading members](#)

**Waiting periods:**

- 2 months for palliative care, rehabilitation and hospital psychiatric treatments, even if pre-existing
- 12 months for other pre-existing conditions
- 12 months for pregnancy and birth (obstetrics)
- 2 months for all other treatments

[Gap Cover](#)

This provider offers '[known gap](#)' or '[no gap](#)' cover for medical bills for this product.

The [Medical Costs Finder](#) lets you find out more about the cost of specialist medical services.

[Other features of this hospital cover](#)

Comprehensive hospital cover for peace of mind. No excess for accident related treatment and dependants under 25. Includes travel and accommodation benefits for hospital admission and cover for unlimited emergency ambulance trips. See fund rules for more information. Access to over 100 exclusive offers through HCF Thank You program. For more information visit: [www.hcf.com.au/thankyou](http://www.hcf.com.au/thankyou).

**Ambulance cover**

In Victoria this policy provides:

**Emergency:** Unlimited with a waiting period of 1 day.

**Call-out fees:** will be paid for each attendance, including emergency treatment without transport to hospital.

[Other features of this ambulance cover](#)

If you are a resident of VIC and you don't have an ambulance subscription with your state ambulance service and aren't offered cover under another arrangement, you have unlimited emergency ambulance services provided by state Ambulance Service Providers.

[For further information about this policy see](#)

<https://www.hcf.com.au/faqs/faqs-cover#what-is-ambulance-cover>

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