

Independent Audiologists Australia Inc

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Fund	AHM Health Insurance
Code	AHM
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EXTRAS COVER

Audiology Description (Super Extras)		Benefits are paid towards consultations (once per financial year) with an Audiologist (where Medicare has not covered the service). Consultations with an Audiometrist are not included. Per person limit dependent on years of membership, from \$300 to a maximum of \$450 per person per year. Initial consultation paid once per financial year.		
Schemes	Super Extras	Family Extras	Lifestyle Extras	Black 50/60/70/70 Boost
Initial Consult	\$32	NA	NA	NA
Subsequent Consult	\$25	NA		
Annual Consult Limit	\$300 (up to \$450 depending on length of cover)	NA		
Per Device	\$800	\$600		
Device Limit	\$1,600	\$1,200		
Annual Device Repairs	\$50	\$35		
Device Supply Cycle	3 years	3 years		
Waiting period	12 months	12 months		

Notes and Disclaimer - Check individual cover with the health fund.

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2. Information summarised in this table was accessed from each website.
3. Product brochures from Extras and hospital cover were downloaded from each site and information related to audiology and hearing devices was extracted.
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HOSPITAL COVER

Fund	Starter Basic / Essentials Basic Plus / Starter Bronze / Lite Bronze Plus	Core Bronze Plus Starter Silver Classic Silver Plus Deluxe Silver Plus Top Hospital Gold
Initial Cover	No cover for implantation of hearing devices	Implantation of hearing devices
Repairs		Under Extras cover

Sound Processor Upgrades / Replacements do not require admission to hospital and fall outside of the benefit for implantation of hearing devices.

Replacements / upgrades will usually require pre-approval based on a clinical reason or evidence that a device is no longer working, is not repairable, and is out of warranty. Processors are not usually routinely replaced either because they are out of warranty or because newer products have become available.

The process for securing health fund cover for replacement or upgrades is as follows:

1. Contact AHM by email info@ahm.com.au or phone 134246 or 1300 309 438 to confirm eligibility for replacement/upgrade.
2. AHM will consider eligibility only where medically necessary, current processor is out of warranty, 3 years from cochlear implant fitting and 2 years from bone anchored device fitting.
3. Download the AHM speech processor replacement form available at <https://ahm.com.au/forms-guides>
The form must be completed by a medical practitioner.
4. Obtain written approval from AHM (email or by mail).
5. Send written approval from AHM and order form to the supplier.
6. Supplier will process the order and invoice the health fund.

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