

# Independent Audiologists Australia Inc

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<b>Fund</b>	Doctors' Health Fund
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<b>HICAPS participating fund for audiology</b>	

## EXTRAS COVER

<b>Audiology Description</b>	Hearing aids must be ordered by a registered practitioner. No details provided as to who is recognised as a registered practitioner.		
<b>Schemes</b>	<b>Total Extras</b>	<b>Essential Extras</b>	<b>Starter Extras</b>
<b>Initial Consult</b>	\$60.00 (one visit per year)		
<b>Per Aid</b>	\$800.00	\$200.00	
<b>Device Limit</b>	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	
<b>Annual Device Repairs</b>	\$50.00 (one per year)	\$50.00	
<b>Device Supply Cycle</b>	5 years (one set)	3 years (one set)	
<b>Waiting Period</b>	24 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

	Smart Starter Bronze Plus	Prime Choice Gold Top Cover Gold
Initial	No cover for implantation of hearing devices	Cover for implantation of hearing devices
Repairs		See 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. Download the request form from [https://www.ahsa.com.au/web/hospitals/ahsa\\_forms/speech](https://www.ahsa.com.au/web/hospitals/ahsa_forms/speech)
2. Audiologist completes the request form and provides supporting evidence of clinical benefit, supplier evidence that an aid cannot be repaired)
3. Email both the form and the evidence to: [info@doctorshealthfund.com.au](mailto:info@doctorshealthfund.com.au)  
Put the patient's fund membership number in the subject line, indicating this is an Exgratia Request, attention: Hospital Claims.
4. The fund will provide a decision about whether they will fund replacement.
5. Once an approval notice has been issued by the fund, that notice and an order for replacement must be sent to the device supplier.
6. The device supplier will send out the replacement device to the audiologist.
7. The supplier will invoice the health fund directly.

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