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Fund	CDH Benefits Fund
Code	CDH
Address for Correspondence	151-153 Vincent Street PO Box 183 Cessnock NSW 2325
Website	https://www.hunterhi.com.au
Audiology Description	Will pay for a device every three years combined with other benefits.

EXTRAS COVER

Schemes	Elite /Optimum Extras	Classic/Healthy/Ideal Extras
Binaural Devices	\$750.00 (combined limit with other devices)	
Device Limit	\$750.00 (combined limit with other devices)	
Device Supply Cycle	3 years	

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HOSPITAL COVER

	Basic	Bronze Plus Smart Silver Plus Thrifty Silver Plus Young Silver Plus Gold (Available to NSW Only)
Initial	Restricted – may cover a shared hospital room in a public hospital	Cover for Hearing Implants, at least to the no gap fee specified in the prosthesis list.
Repair		Not specified

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

Replacements / upgrades 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.

Applications will be considered where:

- Existing processor is >5 years old
- Where existing processor has a history of malfunctioning and is out of warranty period/supplementary cover
- Performance of the processor has decreased as demonstrated on an audiology assessment

Pro rata payment may be considered.

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

1. Seek written approval from the fund, specifying the clinical benefits to be provided by the new processor
2. Include member details, costs involved, clinical reasons and demonstration of improved hearing ability.
3. Once an approval notice has been issued by the fund, that notice and an order for replacement must be sent to the device supplier.
4. The device supplier will send out the replacement device to the audiologist.
5. The supplier will invoice the health fund directly.

Email enquiries@hunterhi.com.au or phone 02 4990 1385 for assistance

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