

# Independent Audiologists Australia Inc

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<b>Fund</b>	Health Care Insurance
<b>Code</b>	HCI
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<b>HICAPS participating health fund for audiology</b>	

## EXTRAS COVER

Schemes	Premier Extras	Healthy Extras	Active Life Extras
<b>Initial Consult</b>	\$50.00	\$33.00	
<b>Subsequent Consult</b>	\$40.00	\$30.00	
<b>Consultation limit</b>	\$200.00	\$200.00	
<b>Single Device</b>	90% up to \$1,200.00	90% up to \$800.00	
<b>Device Limit</b>	Up to \$2,000.00	Up to \$1,600.00	
<b>Annual Device Repairs</b>	\$120.00	\$120.00	
<b>Device Supply Cycle</b>	3 years	3 years	

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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

	Bronze Hospital	Silver Plus & Gold Hospital
Initial	No cover for implantation of hearing devices	Cover for implantation of hearing devices. Up to 100% of the cost of surgically implanted prostheses (as listed by the Federal Government). No cover for any surgical prosthesis gap. Hospital excess fees may apply
Repair		See Extras cover if appropriate

**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: [enquiries@hciltd.com.au](mailto:enquiries@hciltd.com.au)  
Put the patient's fund membership number in the subject line, indicating this is an Exgratia Request.
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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