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EXTRAS COVER

Schemes	Active Saver	Lifestyle Extras	Enhanced Extras	Lite Saver Extras Lite Extras Healthy Saver Extras Standard Extras
Annual Consult Limit	NA	NA	70% or 80% (AIA) up to \$200	
Per Device	\$200	NA	NA	
Device Limit	\$300	60% or 70%(AIA) up to \$300	70% or 80% (AIA) up to \$400	
Device Supply Cycle	3 years	3 years	3 years	
Waiting period	12 months	12 months	12 months	

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HOSPITAL COVER

Scheme	Basic Hospital Accident Basic Plus Hospital Starter Bronze Hospital Essential Bronze Plus Hospital Everyday	Silver Hospital Classic Silver Plus Hospital Advantage Silver Plus Hospital Ultimate
Initial	No cover for implantation of hearing devices	Cover for implantation of hearing devices
Repair		

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
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: Health.MemberServices@aia.com.au
4. Put the patient's fund membership number in the subject line, indicating this is an Exgratia Request, Membership No Att: Hospital Claims.
5. The fund will provide a decision about whether they will fund replacement.
6. Once an approval notice has been issued by the fund, that notice and an order for replacement must be sent to the device supplier.
7. The device supplier will send out the replacement device to the audiologist.
8. The supplier will invoice the health fund directly.

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