



PUBLIC HOSPITAL

PRODUCT SHEET

**TEACHERS
HEALTH** 

We're for teachers

Effective 1 April 2018

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With Public Hospital cover, you can get treated by your own doctor in a public hospital.

ACCESS GAP COVER

If your doctor chooses to participate in Access Gap Cover, there will be less for you to pay, or in some cases, nothing at all. Go to teachershealth.com.au/access-gap to find out more. You'll need to ask your doctor whether they are willing to participate in Access Gap, and they must provide written informed consent if there are any out-of-pocket expenses.

	BENEFIT
HOSPITAL	
Private hospital (agreement hospital and same day surgeries)	
Choice of agreement hospital	✗
Shared room or private room (where available)	✗
Theatre fees, intensive care fees	✗
Labour ward fees	✗
Public hospital	
Shared room	✓
Private room (where available)	✗
Theatre fees, intensive care fees	n/a (fees are included in accommodation charges)
Labour ward fees	

MEDICAL SERVICES

Choice of doctor	✓
Access Gap Cover	✓
Government approved surgically implanted prostheses (some prostheses may have out-of-pocket expenses)	✓

MEDICAL COSTS AND THE 'GAP'

Medicare sets a fee for all services called the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). Together with Medicare, we'll cover you for the MBS fee. Doctors can sometimes charge above the MBS fee, and that's when you'll have out-of-pocket costs – this is commonly known as the 'gap'.

This Product Sheet contains important information about your private health insurance with Teachers Health. Please read it carefully in conjunction with the Membership Guide and retain for future reference.

	BENEFIT
HOSPITAL SERVICES	
All services where a Medicare benefit is payable	Restricted
Services not covered by Medicare (e.g. cosmetic surgery, laser eye surgery)	✗
OTHER	
Emergency ambulance transport	✓
Non-emergency ambulance transport	\$3,000 per person/ calendar year

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

WAITING PERIODS

HOSPITAL WAITING PERIODS

Pre-existing conditions	12 months
Pregnancy and birth-related services	9 months
Psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care	2 months
All other hospital services	2 months
Emergency ambulance transport	1 day
Non-emergency ambulance transport	1 day

YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT IF...

- You're new to private health insurance
- You upgrade your cover to:
 - Include things that weren't covered before
- You switch health funds:
 - And you increase your cover to include things that weren't covered before

You don't have to wait again if you switch from another fund to the same or lower cover with us, and you've served your waiting periods.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

A pre-existing condition is an ailment, illness or condition where the signs or symptoms existed during the six months before you joined Teachers Health or upgraded to a higher level of cover (even though a diagnosis may not have been made). Our Fund Medical Advisor will determine if a condition is classed as pre-existing, and if it is, you'll need to wait 12 months before your cover kicks in.

RESTRICTED SERVICES

In a public hospital:

- We pay – accommodation in a shared room (as long as the hospital doesn't charge above the default rate set out by the Federal Government), and medical costs.
- You pay – any excess (if applicable), and any gap if your hospital charges above the default rate.

If you go to a private hospital, you will experience significant out-of-pocket costs. This cover is intended for public hospital admissions only.

WHAT WE WON'T PAY

We won't pay for things like:

- Services not covered by Medicare
- Medical procedures in a doctor's room
- Specialist appointments (including scans, blood tests)
- Prostheses in excess of approved benefits in the Government's Prosthesis List
- Non-medical items such as TV hire, telephone, parking etc.
- Discharge medication
- Services received during any period which your membership is unfinancial or suspended
- Services not included in your cover or for which you are serving waiting periods
- Hospital treatment received overseas.

BEFORE GOING TO HOSPITAL

Before you pack your nightie or PJs and your overnight bag, the first step is to call us so we can confirm what you're covered for, and any potential out-of-pocket charges for your procedure.

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