

Product & Benefits Guide

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HOSPITAL COVER

For more information visit teachershealth.com.au/hospital

	TOP HOSPITAL (GOLD)	MID CLASSIC (SILVER PLUS)	MID HOSPITAL (BASIC PLUS)	BASIC HOSPITAL (BASIC PLUS)	STARTERPAK (BASIC PLUS)
PRIVATE HOSPITAL (agreement hospital and same day surgeries – for services indicated as covered in a private hospital)					
Choice of agreement hospital	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provides cover for four key services in a private hospital – please see 'Hospital Services' below.
Shared room or private room (where available)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Theatre fees, intensive care fees	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Labour ward fees	✓	✗	✗	✗	
PUBLIC HOSPITAL (for services indicated as covered or restricted)					
Shared room	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private room (where available)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Theatre fees, intensive care fees	Fees are included in the accommodation charge paid by Teachers Health				
Labour ward fees	Fees are included in the accommodation charge paid by Teachers Health	✗	Fees are included in the accommodation charge paid by Teachers Health		✗
MEDICAL SERVICES					
Choice of doctor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access Gap Cover	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Government approved surgically implanted prostheses (some prostheses may have out-of-pocket expenses)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HOSPITAL SERVICES					
Dental surgery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hernia and appendix	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joint reconstructions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tonsils, adenoids and grommets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Back, neck and spine	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Blood	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Bone, joint and muscle	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Brain and nervous system	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Breast surgery (medically necessary)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Digestive system	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Ear, nose and throat	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Eye (excluding cataracts)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Gastrointestinal endoscopy	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Gynaecology	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Implantation of hearing devices	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Insulin pumps	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Kidney and bladder	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Male reproductive system	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	✗
Pain management	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Pain management with device	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon – limited benefits)	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Skin	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Sleep studies	✓	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted
Hospital psychiatric services	✓	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Lung and chest	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted	✗
Palliative care	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Rehabilitation	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Heart and vascular system	✓	✓	Restricted	Restricted	✗
Cataracts	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Weight loss surgery	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted
Assisted reproductive services	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	✗
Dialysis for chronic kidney failure	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	✗
Joint replacements	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	✗
Pregnancy and birth	✓	✗	Restricted	Restricted	✗
OTHER					
Excess	\$0, \$300 or \$500 per person/calendar year	\$300 or \$500 per person/calendar year	\$300 or \$500 per person/calendar year	\$300 per person/calendar year	\$0
Emergency ambulance transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-emergency ambulance transport	\$3,000 per person/calendar year	\$3,000 per person/calendar year	\$3,000 per person/calendar year	\$3,000 per person/calendar year	\$3,000 per person/calendar year

WAITING PERIODS	
Pre-existing conditions	12 months
Pregnancy and birth	9 months
Hospital psychiatric services, Rehabilitation, Palliative care	2 months
All other hospital services	2 months
Emergency ambulance transport	1 day
Non-emergency ambulance transport	1 day

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Hospital cover explained

Agreement Private Hospitals

We hold agreements with most Australian private and day hospitals. These agreements ensure your in-hospital (inpatient) charges are covered (depending on your level of cover). If a hospital doesn't have an agreement with us, you may have significant out-of-pocket costs. Search for agreement hospitals via teachershealth.com.au/hospitals

Excess payments

Excess amounts are paid to the hospital once per person, per calendar year (if using your Hospital cover that year). There's no excess for dependants on your cover, except on Basic Hospital (Basic Plus). Find out more: teachershealth.com.au/excess

Medical costs (specialist doctors)

Medicare sets fees for (inpatient) hospital treatment on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). Together with Medicare, we cover the MBS fee. If a doctor charges you more than the MBS fee, you'll have out-of-pocket costs or a 'gap'. Always ask your doctor about any additional charges before you're treated.

Access Gap Cover

Access Gap is a billing scheme that can help you minimise, or avoid, out-of-pocket costs for in-hospital (inpatient) specialist treatment. To check which specialists have treated other patients under Access Gap, visit teachershealth.com.au/agc

Ambulance

All levels of Hospital cover include emergency and non-emergency ambulance services (excluding inter-hospital transfers, transport for day treatment and transport to and from nursing homes or specialist and diagnostic centres). Queensland and Tasmania residents may be covered under their state scheme for emergency ambulance services. See dhhs.tas.gov.au or ambulance.qld.gov.au

Pre-existing conditions

A pre-existing condition is an illness, ailment or condition where the signs or symptoms existed at any time during the six months before you got your Hospital cover (or upgraded to a higher level of cover).

Where relevant, we appoint an independent medical practitioner to determine whether you have a pre-existing condition, based on information provided by your treating doctor or specialist. Find out more: teachershealth.com.au/pec

Services not recognised by Medicare

You won't be covered for services that aren't eligible for a Medicare benefit. This includes non-medically required treatments or services provided by and not limited to, dentists, podiatrists and, cosmetic or podiatric surgeons.

Restricted services

In a public hospital:

- We pay** – accommodation (up to the government fee for a shared room).
- You pay** – any excess on your cover and the balance of your accommodation costs.

In a private hospital:

- We pay** – accommodation (up to the government fee for a shared room).
- You pay** – any excess on your cover, the balance of your accommodation costs, and any other costs involved in your hospital stay.

Find out more: teachershealth.com.au/restricted

Waiting periods

Hospital waiting periods apply if you:

- Are new to private health insurance
- Upgrade your cover to include things that weren't covered before, or are covered at a higher level
- Switch health funds and increase your cover to include things that weren't covered before, or are covered at a higher level
- Lower your excess (a 12 month waiting period applies to a lower, or nil, excess).

EXTRAS COVER

For more information visit
teachershealth.com.au/extras



BENEFIT
(up to)



TOP EXTRAS
(yearly limits)



ESSENTIAL EXTRAS
(yearly limits)



STARTERPAK
(yearly limits)

DENTAL

GENERAL DENTAL 2 month waiting period

Periodic oral examination (012) – limit of 2 services per person/year	\$40	Unlimited (unless stated otherwise)	\$500 per person	\$500 per person \$1,000 per family
Removal of calculus (114) – limit of 2 services per person/year	\$70			
Topical application of remineralising agent (121) – limit of 2 services per person/year	\$25			

MAJOR DENTAL 12 month waiting period

	Benefit	Yearly limits	Benefit	Yearly limits	Benefit	Yearly limits
Surgical removal of a tooth requiring bone removal (324)	\$240	Increasing limits		\$240	\$150	\$500 per person /\$1,000 per family (removal of wisdom teeth only)
		Year 1	Match existing cover up to \$1,300 (applies when transferring from a cover that includes Major Dental with all waiting periods served)			
		Year 2	\$1,300			
		Year 3	\$1,600			
		Year 4	\$2,100			
		Year 5	\$2,600			
Year 6+	\$2,800					
Inlays/Onlays – tooth coloured – 1 surface (551)	\$273		\$273	\$300 per person		×
Inlays/Onlays – tooth coloured – 2 surfaces (552)	\$432		\$300			×
Crown – veneered (615)	\$750		\$300			×
Bridge pontic – direct (642)	\$520		\$300			×
Dentures – upper and lower (719)	\$1,000		\$300			×

ORTHODONTIA TREATMENT 12 month waiting period. Lifetime limit of \$2,500 per person

Orthodontia	100%	Lifetime limit of \$2,500 per person	\$300 per person, per year (combined limit with Major Dental)	×
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OPTICAL 6 month waiting period

	Benefit	Yearly limits	Benefit	Yearly limits	Benefit	Yearly limits
Frames	\$100	\$260 per person	\$100	\$200 per person	\$100	\$165 per person \$330 per family
Single vision lenses – pair	\$140		\$100		\$95	
Bifocal lenses – pair	\$165		\$100		\$95	
Multifocal lenses – pair	\$165		\$100		\$95	
Contact lenses – pair	\$175		\$165		\$165	

THERAPIES 2 month waiting period

Remedial massage, Acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine consultations, Myotherapy	\$34	\$600 per person	\$400 per person	\$200 per person / \$400 per family
Chiro and Osteo – first visit	\$45	\$480 per person (sub-limits apply)	\$40	\$40
Chiro and Osteo – 2-6 visits	\$40		\$40	\$40
Chiro and Osteo – 7+ visits	\$32		\$32	\$32
Chiro and Osteo – group therapy	\$20	\$800 per person (sub-limits apply)	\$20	\$20
Physio/Exercise physiology – first visit	\$45		\$40	\$40
Physio/Exercise physiology – 2-6 visits	\$40		\$40	\$40
Physio/Exercise physiology – 7+ visits	\$32		\$32	\$32
Physio/Exercise physiology – group therapy	\$20	\$400 per person (\$60 sub-limit for orthotic repair)	\$20	\$20
Podiatry – first visit	\$45		\$40	×
Podiatry – 2-6 visits	\$40		\$40	
Podiatry – 7+ visits	\$32	\$32		
Psychology – assessment	\$100	\$600 per person (sub-limits apply)	\$100	\$100
Psychology – initial consultation	\$100		\$72	\$72
Psychology – subsequent consultations	\$72		\$72	\$72
Speech therapy – 1-4 visits	\$70	\$600 per person	×	×
Speech therapy – 5+ visits	\$40			
Dietitian – 1-4 visits	\$60	\$400 per person	×	
Dietitian – 5+ visits	\$40			

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE 6 month waiting period

Health-related programs to address a specific health or medical condition. You may need to submit a Healthy Lifestyle Program form every 2 years. Download one via teachershealth.com.au/healthy-lifestyle

Including weight management, gym membership, and more. Visit teachershealth.com.au/healthy-lifestyle for a full list.	100%	\$200 per person	\$150 per person	\$150 per person / \$300 per family
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PHARMACEUTICAL 2 month waiting period

Benefits towards non-PBS prescription-only medication to treat a medical condition. You pay a co-payment, equivalent to the amount set by the Australian Government

Pharmaceuticals (non-PBS requiring prescription by law)	\$60	\$800 per person (sub-limits apply)	\$300 per person (sub-limits apply)	\$400 per person \$800 per family
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ARTIFICIAL AIDS & APPLIANCES 2 month waiting period

You may need to submit an Aids and Appliances form to claim. To find out more information and view a more comprehensive list, visit: teachershealth.com.au/aids-appliances

Blood pressure monitor – purchase	75% up to \$85	\$1,200 per person (sub-limits apply)	×	×
Blood glucose monitor	75% up to \$160			
Compression garments (excludes sports-related or body enhancing garments)	75% up to \$400			
Pregnancy shorts	75% up to \$90			

12 month waiting period

CPAP machine – purchase	75%	\$900 per person, per three years	×	×		
CPAP accessories – purchase	75%	\$150 per person				
Hearing aids (1 pair of hearing aids per person, every 3 calendar years)		Increasing limits		×	×	
		Years 1-5	Single \$600			Pair \$1,200
		Years 5+	\$900			\$1,800

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORT 1 day waiting period

Emergency ambulance transport (state government services)	100%	\$6,000 per person	\$6,000 per person	Covered under Hospital cover
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Extras cover explained

Limits

- **Person and family limits** are based on a calendar year from 1 January (unless stated otherwise).
- **Family limits** are based on a set amount across all members of a family.
- **Sub-limits** are the maximum you can claim per year for a specific sub-category of a service (like group physio on your Physiotherapy limit).
- **Increasing limits** are calculated on years of continuous Teachers Health Top Extras cover.

Providers

We can only pay for services provided by professional medical providers who are qualified and registered. Extras benefits are limited to one service per person, per provider, per day. For more information on providers, go to teachershealth.com.au/extras-providers

DIY dentistry

We only cover face-to-face dental consultations. You can't claim for home (DIY) dentistry, including teeth whitening kits, orthodontic aligners and occlusal splints.

Artificial Aids & Appliances

To claim for some items, you'll need submit an Aids and Appliances form that has been signed by a relevant health practitioner. For info on claiming, eligible products and more, visit teachershealth.com.au/aids-appliances

Healthy Lifestyle

To claim for services including weight management programs and gym memberships, you'll need to submit a completed Healthy Lifestyle Program form (signed by a relevant health practitioner) every 2 years. See more at teachershealth.com.au/healthy-lifestyle

Why Teachers Health?

- As the health fund for **school staff and their families**, you're at the heart of everything we do.
- Being **not-for-profit**, we're about giving more back to members (not payouts to shareholders).
- We help you navigate life's ups and downs through **added health and wellbeing support**.
- We **give back to the education community** through scholarships, sponsorships, research and more.

Award-winning cover

We've been voted by our members as the winner of five Mozo People's Choice Awards 2023.



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