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Fund	Health Insurance Fund of Australia
Code	HIF
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EXTRAS COVER

Audiology Description	Devices paid for based on years of membership		
Schemes	Premium	Premium	Simple/Saver/Special/Vital
Device Limit for members up to 5 years	\$550 (max.1 per person)	\$550 (max.1 per person)	
Device limit for members 5-10 years	\$600 per ear	\$550 per ear	
Device limit for members of 10+ years	\$700 per ear		
Device Supply Cycle	5 years	5 years	
Waiting period	36 months	36 months	

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HOSPITAL COVER

	Basic Plus Bronze	Bronze Plus Silver Silver Plus Gold Star
Initial	No cover for hearing implants	Cover for hearing implants. Benefits for surgically implanted prostheses and other items on the Federal Government's Prostheses Schedule.
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 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: hello@hif.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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