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EXTRAS COVER

Schemes	Five Star Extras	Mid Extras	Base Extras
Audiology Consult	Initial: \$42 Standard: \$38 Annual Limit: \$650 person - \$1300 family	Initial: \$36 Standard: \$32 Annual Limit: \$540 person - \$1080 family	Initial: \$27 Standard: \$24 Annual Limit: \$390 person - 780 family
Device Limit	\$1,000 Annual limit: \$1200 person \$2400 family	\$700 Annual limit: \$1000 person \$2000 family	\$450 Annual limit: \$600 person \$1200 family
Device Supply Cycle	5 years	5 years	5 years

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HOSPITAL COVER

	Basic Plus Benefits	Five Star Gold Benefits
Initial	Restricted cover for hospital admission in a public hospital only	Cover for implantable hearing devices
Repair	Not specified	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 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.

Applications will be considered where:

- Existing processor is >5 years old
- Where existing processor has a history of malfunctioning and is out of warranty period/supplementary cover
- Performance of the processor has decreased as demonstrated on an audiology assessment

Pro rata payment may be considered.

The process for securing health fund cover for replacement or upgrades is as follows:

1. Seek written approval from the fund, specifying the clinical benefits to be provided by the new processor
2. Include member details, costs involved, clinical reasons and demonstration of improved hearing ability.
3. Once an approval notice has been issued by the fund, that notice and an order for replacement must be sent to the device supplier.
4. The device supplier will send out the replacement device to the audiologist.
5. The supplier will invoice the health fund directly.

Contact Mildura District Health Fund on 03 5023 0269

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