

# Silver Hospital Policy Summary



**Welcome to Feel Good Cover.**  
Health insurance that doesn't just do its job,  
but adds an extra level of care.

## Why Westfund?



We help people  
make sense  
of health care



We provide quality  
products with a  
proven track record



We're a not-for-profit  
that helps you get the  
most from your cover



We're proudly  
Australian owned  
and operated

## This Hospital Cover includes:

- ✓ Mix and match from our Hospital and Extras product range to create a level of cover that suits you
  - ✓ Access to one of Australia's largest network of contracted private hospitals
  - ✓ Flexible excess options – choose from \$250, \$500 or \$750 excess
  - ✓ No excess for private hospital admissions because of an accident
  - ✓ Kids up to 25 stay covered with no excess for hospital admissions\*
  - ✓ Age-Based Discounts for members under 30 to save on their hospital premiums
- This is an eligible Age-Based Discount policy and Retained Age-Based Discount policy
- ✓ Ambulance cover, including emergency and non-emergency ambulance trips

## Who should love this cover

Mid-level hospital cover that covers a broad range of treatments, including heart and vascular system.

Health insurance suited to people who don't want cover for pregnancy and birth or joint replacements.



\* Dependants stay covered if unmarried or not in a bona fide domestic relationship.

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Please read this policy summary carefully and retain. For more policy information, definitions and claiming requirements please refer to Westfund's Membership Terms & Conditions which can be downloaded at [www.westfund.com.au/terms-conditions](http://www.westfund.com.au/terms-conditions) or by calling Westfund on 1300 937 838. Our Privacy Policy and Complaints Policy as well as information about the Code of Conduct and Commonwealth Ombudsman are also included in our Membership Terms & Conditions.

We'll pay benefits under your hospital cover on treatments that are part of an admitted episode of care. Benefit amounts depend on whether the treatment is covered, restricted or excluded from your policy. We recommend you always check with us prior to going to hospital to ensure you are covered and to check any out-of-pockets or excess that may apply.

## Treatments covered by this policy

- ✓ Back, neck and spine
- ✓ Blood
- ✓ Bone, joint and muscle
- ✓ Brain and nervous system
- ✓ Breast surgery (medically necessary)
- ✓ Chemotherapy, radiotherapy and immunotherapy for cancer
- ✓ Dental surgery
- ✓ Diabetes management (excluding insulin pumps)
- ✓ Digestive system
- ✓ Ear, nose and throat
- ✓ Eye (not cataracts)
- ✓ Gastrointestinal endoscopy
- ✓ Gynaecology
- ✓ Heart and vascular system
- ✓ Hernia and appendix
- ✓<sup>R</sup> Hospital psychiatric services
- ✓ Implantation of hearing devices
- ✓ Joint reconstructions
- ✓ Kidney and bladder
- ✓ Lung and chest
- ✓ Male reproductive system
- ✓ Miscarriage and termination of pregnancy
- ✓ Pain management
- ✓ Palliative care
- ✓ Plastic and reconstructive surgery (medically necessary)
- ✓ Podiatric surgery (provided by a registered podiatric surgeon)
- ✓ Rehabilitation
- ✓ Skin
- ✓ Tonsils, adenoids and grommets

## Treatments not covered by this policy (excluded)

- ✗ Assisted reproductive services
- ✗ Cataracts
- ✗ Dialysis for chronic kidney failure
- ✗ Insulin pumps
- ✗ Joint replacements
- ✗ Pain management with device
- ✗ Pregnancy and birth
- ✗ Sleep studies
- ✗ Weight loss surgery

## Excess options:

- ✓ Excess options (per member per calendar year) – choose from Nil\* \$250, \$500 or \$750 excess
- ✓ No excess for dependants
- ✓ No excess for accidents when admitted to a private hospital

**Your excess explained:** Your chosen excess is an amount payable per member per calendar year for admissions into hospital. The excess is paid before a Westfund benefit is payable for hospital treatment.

\*Nil excess closed to new members

## Your cover explained

### ✓ Covered

We will pay benefits towards your hospital treatment. This may include hospital accommodation, theatre fees, prostheses, pharmaceuticals and any medical fees related to your admission.

### ✓<sup>R</sup> Restricted Services

We pay to a certain limit towards your hospital treatment. We will not fully cover the cost of a private room in a public hospital or any room in a private hospital. If you are admitted to a private hospital for restricted services, you will need to pay out-of-pocket costs.

### ✗ Excluded

We don't cover any benefits towards your hospital treatment. If you choose to proceed as a private patient, you will have large out-of-pocket costs.

### Hospital Cover

We have contracts with private hospitals throughout Australia to cover theatre fees and hospital accommodation costs for most procedures. When there is no contract, we pay up to a default benefit (set by the Government) and you may have large out-of-pocket costs. You can view our contracted private hospitals at [www.westfund.com.au/find-a-provider/](http://www.westfund.com.au/find-a-provider/) or give us a call on 1300 937 838 for more information.

As a **private patient in a public hospital**, you will be covered for hospital accommodation and your choice of doctor, from doctors with a right to practice at that hospital.

Where a treatment is covered or restricted on your policy, benefits are also payable for;

- Surgically Implanted Prostheses: up to the approved benefits in the Government's Prostheses List.
- Pharmaceuticals: for all Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listed drugs that are administered according to the PBS approved indications.
- Medical fees charged by your doctor while you are in hospital, as well as common and support services such as anaesthetic, pathology and radiology related to your admission. As long as a Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item number applies to those services and a Medicare benefit is payable.

Our **Access Gap Scheme** helps members with hospital cover to eliminate or reduce out-of-pocket expenses for medical gap payments. Your doctors can choose on a case-by-case basis whether to participate in the Access Gap Scheme so it's important to ask your doctor before beginning treatment.

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## Accommodation and Travel

Service	Waiting Period	Item Limit	Additional Information
Accommodation Benefit	12 months	Benefits are available per policy per calendar year.	
		Night Accommodation	Benefit
		Night 1-4	\$50 per night
		Nights 5 +	\$20 per night
Inpatient Travel Benefit	12 months	Up to \$70 per admission. Benefits will be paid on a grouped kilometre basis, in excess of 150 kilometres round trip from the member's home locality to the locality of the hospital.	This benefit is limited to one service per member per episode of hospitalisation.

To be eligible for the Accommodation or Inpatient Travel Benefit, you must be admitted as a private patient in a public or private hospital.

## Health and Wellbeing Programs

Chronic Disease Management Programs	Waiting Period	Additional Information
Weight Loss Programs	12 months	Manage your chronic condition or get support to make lifestyle changes
Hospital-Substitute Treatment	Waiting Period	Additional Information
Rehabilitation at Home	Refer to hospital waiting period table below	Have the option of doing that all-important rehabilitation out of hospital
Hospital Care at Home		Recover sooner in the privacy of your home

Additional eligibility criteria apply for the above programs, please visit [www.westfund.com.au/health-insurance/health-wellbeing-programs/](http://www.westfund.com.au/health-insurance/health-wellbeing-programs/) for more information.

## Hospital waiting periods

Waiting Period	Service
1 day	Accident-related hospitalisation
2 months	Hospital psychiatric services, Palliative care and Rehabilitation
12 months	Pregnancy and birth
12 months	Treatment of a pre-existing condition A pre-existing condition is an illness or condition for which in the opinion of a medical practitioner appointed by Westfund, signs or symptoms existed during the six months before the day you joined Westfund or upgraded to a higher level of cover.
2 months	All other hospitalisations not listed above

## Ambulance

Service	Waiting Period	Item Limit	Annual Group Limit	Additional Information
Emergency Ambulance Transport	1 day	100%	No annual limit	Benefit eligible for Westfund recognised ambulance service providers in Australia. Westfund covers the cost of transport by either covering the cost of state government levies or covering the ambulance account.
Non-Emergency Patient Transport	2 months	100%	\$5,000 per member	Ambulance services not available under this policy: - Inter-hospital transfers between public hospitals - Member requested ambulance transport e.g. to be closer to home/family.

Need to get in touch? We're only a click or call away.



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