

## Advantage Overseas Student Health Cover

### ✓ What's covered

#### Hospital Costs

We will cover you as a private patient in all Members First, Network and public hospitals in Australia. When admitted to hospital, in most cases you will be covered for in-hospital charges including:

- ✓ Accommodation for overnight or same day stays
- ✓ Operating theatre, intensive care and labour ward fees
- ✓ Reimbursement on emergency department facility fees at any private or public hospital in all circumstances
- ✓ Supplied pharmaceuticals approved by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and provided as part of your in-hospital treatment
- ✓ Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other allied health services provided as part of an inpatient admission
- ✓ Surgically implanted prostheses up to the approved benefits on the Government Prostheses List
- ✓ Private room where available and clinically appropriate<sup>^</sup>

#### Medical Costs

- ✓ The cost of in-patient medical services up to 100% of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefit. This is the amount determined by the Federal Government for a specific service for Australian residents.
- ✓ Medical treatment by a doctor or specialist in private practice anywhere in Australia, for up to 100% of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) benefit. This is the amount determined by the Federal Government for a specific service for Australian residents.
- ✓ Most inpatient or outpatient diagnostic tests recognised by Medicare as medically necessary (e.g. pathology, radiology).

If your doctor or specialist charges more than the above benefit there will be a 'gap' for you to pay.

#### Other Costs

- ✓ Unlimited emergency ambulance transportation and on-the-spot treatment by our recognised providers.  
Please note: You will not be covered for any non-emergency ambulance services.
- ✓ Selected pharmacy items including discharge medication. You'll receive up to \$50 per script item, up to a maximum of \$300 per person (\$600 per family membership) per calendar year, after you pay the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) patient co-payment fee. This is provided the item's usage is approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
- ✓ Public hospital outpatient treatment for medical and post-operative services.

### \* What's not covered

#### Hospital Costs

Situations when you are likely not to be covered or may incur significant additional expenses include:

- \* During a waiting period – A waiting period is the time when you are not covered for a particular service. It starts on the date that you enter Australia or the date that you start your membership, whichever is the later date
- \* Waiting periods may not apply in situations that require Emergency Treatment ##
- \* Large out-of-pocket expenses for treatment at a non-agreement private hospital
- \* Hospital treatment provided by a practitioner not authorised by a hospital to provide that treatment
- \* Hospital treatment for which Medicare pays no benefit
- \* Cosmetic surgery which is not clinically necessary
- \* If you are in hospital for 35 days and you have been classified as a 'nursing home type patient'. In this situation you may receive limited benefits or be required to make a personal contribution towards the cost of your care
- \* Benefits for pharmaceuticals supplied upon discharge from the hospital. (Note whilst this will not be payable under hospital costs, in some circumstances, discharge medication may be covered under Other Costs)
- \* Non-PBS, high cost drugs
- \* If you choose to use your own allied health provider rather than the hospital's practitioner for services that form part of your in-hospital treatment (e.g. chiropractors, dieticians or psychologists)
- \* Where compensation, damages or benefits may be claimed by another source (e.g. Workers Compensation)
- \* When specific services or treatments are a minimum benefit service or excluded from your level of cover
- \* Any treatment or services rendered outside Australia.

#### Medical Costs

You will not be covered for:

- \* Medical services for surgical procedures performed by a dentist, podiatrist or any other practitioner or service that is not eligible for a rebate by Medicare
- \* Costs for medical examinations, x-rays, inoculation or vaccinations and other treatments required relating to acquiring a visa for entry into Australia or permanent residency visa.

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Hospital & medical services	Cover	Waiting period	Waiting period (pre-existing condition) ##
Cardiac and cardiac related services	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Cataract & eye lens procedures	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Hip/knee replacement	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Pregnancy Related Conditions	Y	12 months ##	12 Months
IVF and assisted reproductive services	Excluded	Not Covered	Not Covered
Appendicitis	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Knee arthroscopy and meniscectomy	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Renal dialysis for chronic renal failure	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Bone Marrow Transplants	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Organ Transplants	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Clinically necessary cosmetic surgery	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Psychiatric Services	Y	No Waiting Period	No Waiting Period
Rehabilitation Services	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Palliative care	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Other inpatient treatment++	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months

  

Out of hospital medical services	Cover	Waiting period	Waiting period (pre-existing condition)
GP consultations	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months^^
Specialist consultations	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months
Pathology^ (e.g. blood tests)	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months^^
Radiology^ (e.g. x-ray, scans)	Y	No Waiting Period	12 Months^^
Selected pharmacy items*	Y	No Waiting Period	No Waiting Period

++ must be recognised by Medicare.

^ most Medicare recognised services

\* see page 1 for details

^^ You may be asked to have a medical certificate completed by your doctor to determine if a condition is pre-existing

### Definitions

#### Exclusions

Bupa does not pay any benefit towards excluded services under your student cover.

#### Waiting Periods

A waiting period is the time when you are not covered for a particular service. It starts on the date that you enter Australia or the date that you start your membership, whichever is the later date. Once you have completed your waiting period, you will receive the benefits listed under your level of cover for that service.

## Waiting periods don't apply when treatment is required as a result of an accident sustained after joining us or you have a condition which is defined under the Emergency Treatment section of the Important Information Guide at [bupa.com.au/oshc-info](http://bupa.com.au/oshc-info)

### ✓ Things you should know

#### 13SICK, National Home Doctor Service

All Bupa members have complimentary access to After Hours Plus from 13SICK, National Home Doctor Service.

So when you book a bulk-billed home visit, the doctor can provide common medications on the spot, at no charge to you.

#### Genesis Heart Care

We've partnered with Genesis Heart Care, a network of cardiologists across Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia focusing on providing quality, evidence based cardiology services. When you see a cardiologist from Genesis Heart Care you will have no out-of-pocket expenses for your in-hospital cardiologist treatment. You'll also be provided with information and advice so you can make informed decisions about your treatment and lifestyle.

#### Bupa Student Advice Line

We provide advice and assistance in 180 languages, for a range of situations including medical, home and property inquiries and general tax and legal enquiries. Just call our 24 hour student advice line if you find yourself in a situation where you need guidance or support.

You will find the number on the back of your membership card.

### ✓ Call us first

If you're planning treatment, call us first so we can discuss your options, work out what you're covered for and check that you've served any relevant waiting periods. This can help you avoid any unnecessary out-of-pocket expenses and allow you to make more informed choices and be confident about what to expect when using your cover.

📞 Call us on: **1800 888 942**  
(from within Australia)  
**+61 3 9937 4223**  
(from outside Australia)

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