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EXTRAS

Fund	HBF		
Code	HBF		
Address for Correspondence	GPO Box C101 Perth WA 6809		
Website	http://www.hbf.com.au		
Audiology Description	Device benefit increases with years of being a member.		
Schemes	**Flexi**	**Top**	**Basic Saver**
Device % of cost	100%	100%	
Device benefit after 1 year	$800	$900	
Device benefit after 2 years	$900.00	$900.00	
Increasing each year by	$100.00	$100.00	
To Maximum Combined Annual Amount	$1,200.00	$1,400.00	
Device Cycle	3 years	3 years	

Flexi: Members can choose 10 out of 19 available benefit types.

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HOSPITAL

	Basic Hospital Cover Plus **Bronze Hospital Plus**	**Silver Hospital** **Silver Hospital Plus** **Gold Hospital**
Initial	No cover for implantation of hearing devices	Cover for implantation of hearing devices as per the Prosthesis List.
Repair		Not specified

Sound Processor Upgrades / Replacements do not require admission to hospital and fall outside of the benefit for implantation of hearing devices.

HBF may not fund replacement or upgrade outside of a hospital admission.

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Replacements / upgrades, IF CONSIDERED, will 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: providersubmissions@hbf.com.au ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT HBF WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATION
   Put the patient's fund membership number in the subject line, indicting 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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