

# Extras Cover Special Options



**Special Options includes all those essential services like Dental, Podiatry, Healthy Lifestyle services, Complementary Therapies, Ambulance and more.**

It's a step up from Saver Options, covering those more complex Major Dental services like Orthodontics, crowns and bridges. It also offers bigger benefits for services like Optical, Chiro and Physio.

Read on for a detailed overview of all the services included on Special Options. You'll also find more general information on our health insurance products, inclusions and limits on HIF Extras cover in our Health Cover Guide ([hif.com.au/guide](http://hif.com.au/guide)).

## Are you covered for ambulance services?

Absolutely. And there's no limit to the number of Emergency Ambulance services you use. If you're taken to a hospital emergency department for urgent treatment, we'll cover 100% of the charge.<sup>5</sup> If it's a non-emergency ambulance service, a \$50 co-payment per trip will apply.

## HIF Choice Network

HIF has partnered with a network of Dental and Optical providers to make a selected range of services more affordable. By choosing an HIF Choice Network provider you'll receive low or no out-of-pocket costs.

### Dental

When visiting a HIF Choice Network Dental provider, you can get more value with:

- 100% back for 2 check-ups and 1 mouthguard each year\*

Find your nearest HIF Choice Network provider at [hif.com.au/choice-network](http://hif.com.au/choice-network)

\* Members can claim 100% back on 2 oral examinations, 2 scale and cleans, 2 fluoride treatments, 2 x-rays and 1 mouthguard each year at HIF Choice Network Dental providers (subject to specific item codes). Waiting periods and annual limits apply. Additional service limits may apply. Other eligible dental item numbers may also be included. Once the HIF Choice Network 100% back service limit has been reached within the same calendar year, benefits will be paid at the same rate as Non-HIF Choice Network providers.

### Optical

To see all member discounts available at HIF Choice Network Optical providers, visit [hif.com.au/optical](http://hif.com.au/optical).



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Phone 1300 134 060 Visit [hif.com.au/extras](http://hif.com.au/extras)

### Your Dental cover

Here's a rundown of the most commonly used dental services that you'll be covered for with Special Options, but always remember to call us on **1300 134 060** prior to treatment to confirm your benefits payable. Alternatively, you can complete a dental benefit estimate request online: [hif.com.au/dentalestimate](http://hif.com.au/dentalestimate)

Service	Benefit	Annual limit	Waiting period
<b>Dental<sup>1&amp;2</sup></b>			
Oral Examination (012) <sup>3</sup>	\$54.35		
Dental x-ray (022)	\$23.30		
Scale and clean (114) <sup>3</sup>	\$110.35		
Fluoride treatment (121) <sup>3</sup>	\$33.20		
Mouthguards (151) <sup>3</sup>	\$122.05		
Surgical tooth extraction (322)	\$104.15		
Filling/tooth restoration (531)	\$78.55		
Filling of one root canal (417)	\$113.80		
Full crown - non metallic (613)	\$717.25		
Full crown - veneered (615)	\$684.65		
Dentures - complete (719) <sup>4</sup>	\$851.95		

<sup>1</sup> Limits apply to the number of times some items (such as bleaching) attract a benefit. You may also not be able to claim benefits for services performed with another item in the same course of treatment.

<sup>2</sup> 100% back for 2 check-ups and 1 mouthguard each year at HIF Choice Network Dental providers. Waiting periods and annual limits apply. For more information on other services covered under the HIF Choice Network, see the HIF Choice Network section or visit [hif.com.au/choice-network](http://hif.com.au/choice-network)

<sup>3</sup> Subsequent visits for these item numbers within the calendar year are paid at a lower benefit.

<sup>4</sup> Benefits for replacement dentures and partial dentures are not paid within three years of previous supply.

**Your dental annual limit:** An annual limit is the maximum amount of benefits payable to a member in a calendar year, commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.

Special Options	Waiting period	Item numbers	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5+ years
<b>General - unlimited</b>	2 months	022; 311-314; 511-525; 531-535	No limit					
<b>General - limited</b>	2 months except items 057, 322, 324, 331, 595, 596 which are 12 months	011-017; 026-118; 121; 123-141; 151-171; 322-399; 526; 536; 556-598; 692; 911-915; 919; 926; 949-986	\$800	\$950	\$1,150	\$1,350	\$1,550	\$1,750
<b>Inlay / Onlay</b>	12 months	541-555	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000
<b>Denture, crown, bridge</b>	12 months	611-691; 693-712; 716-722; 727-773; 776; 778; 779; 790	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900	\$1,000	\$1,100
<b>Periodontic and endodontic</b>	2 months	213-251; 411-459	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800
<b>Orthodontic (lifetime limit)</b>	12 months	811-823; 825-831; 841-862; 872-873; 875-878	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000
<b>Total annual limits per person</b>			<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

*Please note: The Orthodontic limit is a lifetime limit and forms part of the overall annual limit. The applicable benefit is payable on the date of service (the date the braces are fitted); Benefits for replacement dentures and partial dentures are not paid within three years of previous supply; and limits apply to the number of times some items (such as bleaching) attract a rebate. Please refer to our Health Cover Guide for more information, available to download from [hif.com.au/guide](http://hif.com.au/guide)*

Service	Benefit	Limit/person	Limit/policy	Waiting period
Ambulance <sup>6</sup>	<b>Emergency:</b> 100% covered <sup>5</sup> <b>Non-emergency:</b> 100% covered (\$50 co-payment per trip)	No limit	No limit	1 day 30 days
Chiropractic	\$27.50 per visit up to a max. 10 visits \$70 X-ray (max 1 per year) <i>Benefits are paid for spinal manipulation or spinal adjustments carried out by a registered chiropractor approved by HIF.</i>	\$450/year <i>The limits detailed above are subject to a combined overall person limit of \$450 and membership limit of \$900 for complementary therapies, chiro, osteo, physio and podiatry consultations.</i>	\$900/year	2 months
Complementary Therapies <i>Services include acupuncture, myotherapy, remedial massage, and traditional Chinese medicine</i>	\$25 per visit <i>The treatment must be provided by a practitioner who is registered with HIF in the speciality for which the charge is raised. Benefits are not payable on medicines.</i>		\$200/year \$400/year	2 months
Dietetics	\$36 first visit \$18 subsequent visits \$10 group <i>Benefits are paid on consultations carried out by a registered dietitian approved by HIF.</i>		\$252/year No limit	2 months
Healthy Lifestyle <sup>7</sup>	<i>Benefits are payable for HIF approved programs delivered by registered providers only. Please contact us prior to commencing program to check eligibility.</i>		\$75/year \$150/year	2 months

5 Not covered:

- Transportation from a hospital to your home, nursing home or other hospital.
- Transportation for ongoing medical treatment.
- Off road or air ambulance (e.g. plane, helicopter or boat).

6 Each state and territory of Australia has different ambulance arrangements. It's important to understand that in the unfortunate event you require emergency ambulance transport, Medicare won't cover the cost. However, some state governments subsidise ambulance services, and some pensioners and low income earners may also be entitled to free ambulance assistance. Please refer to our Health Cover Guide for more info on these state schemes or contact us for further details.

7 Services include gym memberships, exercise physiology, health assessments, weight management programs, quit smoking plans and skin cancer screenings.

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<b>Optical</b>  <b>Did you know...</b> HIF members get bonus discounts of up to 25% from a range of optical stores. Visit <a href="http://hif.com.au/optical">hif.com.au/optical</a> for full details.	100% up to annual limit. <i>Benefits are payable on prescription optical items (e.g. glasses, sunglasses, contact lenses or swimming goggles) when purchased from an HIF-approved registered high-street or online Australian Optical provider. Benefits are not paid on non-prescription safety glasses, tinting, sunglasses, cosmetic glasses or cosmetic (e.g. coloured) contact lenses, or prescription optical items not purchased from an HIF-approved optical provider.</i>	\$200/year	No limit	2 months
<b>Osteopathy</b>	\$27.50 per visit up to a max. 10 visits <i>Benefits are paid on items carried out by a registered osteopath, approved by HIF.</i>	\$450/year	\$900/year <i>The limits detailed above are subject to a combined overall person limit of \$450 and membership limit of \$900 for complementary therapies, chiro, osteo, physio and podiatry consultations.</i>	2 months
<b>Pharmacy</b> <i>PBS = Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme</i>	Member pays general PBS contribution. Benefit is 100% of the balance up to \$80 per script item. <i>Benefits are not payable on Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme prescriptions or over the counter items purchased with or without a prescription.</i>	\$200/year	No limit	2 months
<b>Flu Vaccination</b> <i>The limits detailed above are subject to a combined annual limit for Pharmacy.</i>	\$20 (1 per person, per calendar year) <i>Benefits are only payable from a registered pharmacy.</i>			
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	\$35 per visit up to a max. 10 visits \$13 antenatal \$13 hydrotherapy \$13 group	\$450/year	\$900/year <i>The limits detailed above are subject to a combined overall person limit of \$450 and membership limit of \$900 for complementary therapies, chiro, osteo, physio and podiatry consultations.</i> <i>A \$300 sub-limit applies for antenatal, hydrotherapy and group sessions.</i>	2 months
<b>Podiatry Consultations</b>	\$32 first visit \$23 subsequent visits \$12 consultations that are not performed in the podiatrist's registered practice <i>Benefits are paid on consultations carried out by a registered podiatrist, approved by HIF. Benefits are not payable on podiatry surgery or orthotics.</i>	\$450/year	\$900/year <i>The limits detailed above are subject to a combined overall person limit of \$450 and membership limit of \$900 for complementary therapies, chiro, osteo, physio and podiatry consultations.</i>	2 months

### How to make an Extras claim

With HIF, making an Extras claim is easy! In fact, the toughest bit is choosing from our host of convenient ways to make your claim:

1. Claim on the spot with most providers simply by swiping your HIF Member card through their HICAPS eClaiming terminal
2. Claim online through our 24/7 Member Centre
3. Claim on your mobile with our HIF Member App, available for Apple and Android devices
4. Claim by email – simply send copies of your signed claim form and receipts to [claims@hif.com.au](mailto:claims@hif.com.au)
5. Claim by posting your documents to: HIF, Whadjuk Country, GPO Box X2221, Perth WA 6847.

In any case, it's quick and easy and you'll have your benefit paid in no time. To find out more and download a claim form, visit [hif.com.au/claim](http://hif.com.au/claim)

***Please note:***

*\* Benefits are payable by HIF only for services and programs delivered by registered providers that are approved by HIF.*

*\* Benefits are paid by item number limits up to sub-limits/calender limits. Call us on 1300 134 060 prior to treatment to confirm your benefits payable.*

### Understanding annual limits

Like most Extras health covers, there are annual limits (a limit on how much we will pay towards your claims) for most services under Special Options. These annual limits reset to the full amount on January 1 each year.

### What are waiting periods?

All health funds have to apply waiting periods. It's the only way we can protect our community of loyal members from people who would otherwise join our fund to claim large amounts, then leave.

That said, we try to keep waiting periods to a minimum. That's why, if you switch to us from another health fund, we'll honour any waiting periods already served with your previous insurer on an equivalent level of cover.



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