

twin pack cover



policy details for your combined hospital and essentials cover

What is an HBF Twin Pack?

An HBF Twin Pack offers a combination of Hospital and Essentials cover. This means you are not only covered for a stay in hospital, but also for a range of everyday health services that may not necessarily be covered by Medicare, such as optical and dental treatment. Each of the three HBF Twin Pack options have been specially designed to suit typical health needs at different stages in your life.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack.

Smart Saver Twin Pack.

55Plus Twin Pack.

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Twin Pack Hospital summary

HBF Twin Pack Hospital benefit checklist	Young Singles Saver Twin Pack	Smart Saver Twin Pack	55Plus Twin Pack
Substantial cover towards a single room in an HBF Participating Hospital [†]	X	X	✓
Fully covered for a shared room in an HBF Participating Hospital [†]	✓	✓	✓
HBF Medical Gap cover	✓	✓	✓
Hospital excess	✓	✓	X
Joint replacement surgery	X	✓*	✓
Heart procedures	X	✓*	✓
Cataract and eye lens procedures	X	✓*	✓
Psychiatric care	✓*	✓*	✓
Maternity and birth-related services	X	✓	X
Assisted reproductive services	X	✓*	X
Theatre fees	✓	✓	✓

Waiting periods apply. No benefit is payable for hospital treatment where a Medicare benefit is not payable (except certain dental and podiatric surgery where HBF will pay a benefit for accommodation and hospital costs). [†]For more information on HBF Participating Hospitals please refer to page 5. *Limited hospital benefits apply similar to the cost of a shared room in a public hospital.

MAKING YOUR TWIN PACK CLAIM

Before you are eligible to claim

Once you are an HBF Twin Pack member, there are waiting periods that apply before you can receive benefits. These waiting periods also apply when transferring to a product that may have higher benefits. Please note that moving from a level of cover with an excess to a level of cover without an excess will incur waiting periods, during which the excess remains payable.

Waiting periods

Maternity and birth related services 12 month waiting period	
Other hospital treatments 2 month waiting period	Including surgical.
Pre-existing ailments or conditions[^] 12 month waiting period	Is an illness or condition which, in the opinion of a Medical Practitioner (appointed by HBF), was known to exist, or where signs or symptoms were evident during the six month period before you became an HBF member or transferred to a product that may have higher benefits.

Optional Cover

Ambulance Plus 30 day waiting period	Cover for elective ambulance services
GapSaver Maternity 12 month waiting period Other hospital treatments 2 month waiting period Pre-existing ailments or conditions [^] 12 month waiting period	A small additional premium lets you build a safety net of benefits that you can use to pay some out of pocket costs for eligible hospital stays.

#For further ambulance information, see page 10.

[^] Does not apply for psychiatric, rehabilitation and palliative care.

Obtaining a health benefit quote

If a high cost treatment is proposed, it's always best to get an itemised quote from your provider. Once you obtain a quote and contact HBF, we can then give you a health benefit quote which will tell you how much you are covered for. This way, you'll know exactly what your out of pocket expenses might be for the proposed treatment before it begins. Please note that benefit quotes are valid for three months and are subject to change if treatment is not received in that time.

Making your claim

HBF has electronic claiming. This means you can receive your benefit on the spot for services like dental and optical and you only need to pay for any out of pocket cost you may incur. Electronic claiming is available for most services at dental, optical, physiotherapy, chiropractic, podiatry, dietetics, occupational therapy and osteopathy providers who are electronic claiming service providers and approved by HBF. This means you don't need to fill out any forms or wait to receive your benefit as long as you present your HBF member card to the provider on the date of treatment. To find out if your provider is a registered electronic claiming service provider visit www.hicaps.com.au or contact your provider.

Manual Claiming

If your provider doesn't have electronic claiming, you can still claim manually at any Service Centre by simply presenting your account and HBF member card. Alternatively, you can also download a claim form online at www.hbf.com.au, or simply call an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423 and we'll post a claim form that day. If you have already settled your account, your payment can be reimbursed immediately via cash, cheque or direct credit. Please note that cash reimbursements can only be claimed in person at an HBF Service Centre. If your account hasn't been paid, your claim will be paid in favour of the provider.

TWIN PACK HOSPITAL INFORMATION

HBF Participating Hospitals

HBF Participating Hospitals are hospitals with which HBF has negotiated special agreements that provide greater value for our members. These agreements ensure that when you need hospital treatment, you will be covered for accommodation and theatre fees, less any co-payment or agreed excess. Please remember, all benefits are subject to any restrictions or exclusions on your chosen level of cover. If you visit an HBF non-Participating Hospital you may incur a significant out of pocket expense. Before you arrange a hospital stay we urge you to call one of our Member Service Advisors on 133 423 or visit www.hbf.com.au to find out if you are being admitted into an HBF Participating Hospital.

HBF Twin Pack Hospital excess

If you require a hospital stay, your benefit is reduced by the excess. The excess is paid once per person in any calendar year, to a maximum of once per single and twice per family per year, no matter how many times you may be hospitalised. And if your hospital stay is only for a day procedure and you don't stay overnight, you won't pay any excess at all. Hospital excess maximum payable:

	Single	Couple/ Family
Young Single Saver Twin Pack	\$100	\$200
Smart Saver Twin Pack	\$100	\$200
55Plus Twin pack	Nil Excess	Nil Excess

Please note the excess is payable in addition to any accommodation and theatre co-payments that may apply. If you have Smart Saver Twin Pack you won't be required to pay an excess for any dependant children on your family policy.

HBF GapSaver

Being treated in hospital is worrying enough without the added concern of unexpected expenses. So it's good to know you can further reduce any out of pocket expenses with HBF GapSaver.

A small additional premium provides a benefit that accumulates year after year. The benefit can be used to pay Medical Gap or out of pocket expenses that are incurred during an eligible hospital stay. Expenses include hospital and theatre co-payments, pharmaceutical charges, prostheses and other sundry hospital charges. Please note: GapSaver cannot be used to cover excess payments that may be required as part of your HBF Twin Pack cover. Nor can GapSaver be used for in-hospital Essentials services such as physiotherapy or anaesthetic charges associated with podiatric surgery.

GapSaver is available to all HBF Twin Pack members. There are three options providing different annual benefits. GapSaver benefit options per membership per year:

	Single membership	Family membership
Level 1	\$ 50	\$ 100
Level 2	\$ 100	\$ 200
Level 3	\$ 200	\$ 400

GapSaver benefits are accrued to your membership quarterly, with the balance accumulating year after year until you claim it. Normal hospital waiting periods apply. Please note: If you cancel your policy, any accrued benefit will be available for as long as you remain an HBF Twin Pack or Hospital member, otherwise the benefit is not available or refundable.

Pre-operative information

Before a hospital stay, contact HBF and we'll send you our 'Preparing For Your Hospital Stay' brochure.

This contains information designed to help alleviate some of the concerns you may have, by answering many common questions.

These include:

- What will Medicare cover?
- What will my HBF Health membership cover?
- Will there be anything I need to pay for?
- How will I make a claim?

TWIN PACK HOSPITAL BENEFITS

When you are admitted into hospital, there are a range of services you may receive which HBF will pay a benefit towards.

Medical benefits	Includes the fees charged by your surgeon, anaesthetist and pathologist.
Accommodation benefits	Includes the fees charged for your room in a private or public hospital.
Theatre and labour ward benefits	Includes the fees charged for the theatre in which your procedure was performed.
Pharmacy benefits	Includes the fees for some of the pharmaceuticals administered during your hospital stay.
Prostheses	Includes the fees charged for any prostheses used during your procedure.

Depending on your type of HBF Twin Pack cover, you may be required to contribute to a portion of the fees charged. This may be a one-off, pre-determined payment (known as a co-payment) and/or you may be required to settle the balance between the fee charged and the benefit paid by HBF. This is known as a 'gap' or 'out of pocket' expense.

The following provides more details of the benefits to which you may be entitled during your hospital stay.

Medical Gap benefits

HBF has a scheme called HBF Medical Gap that could either eliminate or substantially reduce your medical out of pocket expenses for in-hospital treatment provided by a wide range of medical practitioners in Western Australia. This includes, for example, the fees charged by your surgeon, anaesthetist and pathologist. The Medical Gap is the difference between the Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) set by the Federal Government and the amount medical practitioners charge for services provided to private patients admitted to a hospital or day hospital.

Medicare covers 75% of the MBS fee for private in-hospital medical services for Australian residents and HBF pays the remaining 25%. This means there is no Medical Gap to pay when your medical practitioner charges no more than the MBS fee. However, many medical practitioners do charge more than the MBS fee. It is this amount above the MBS fee that is known as the Medical Gap.

Medical Gap Doctors fall into three categories

1. Fully covered — no out of pocket expense.
2. Known gap option – there may be an out of pocket expense.
3. No agreement with HBF — there will be an out of pocket expense.

When does HBF's Medical Gap cover apply?

HBF's Medical Gap cover applies for treatment provided when you are admitted into a hospital or day hospital.

However, limitations and exclusions do apply for some plastic and reconstructive surgery items and for treatment that is specifically excluded from your level of cover.

It is important to note that HBF is unable to pay benefits for medical fees charged for services provided out of hospital, such as consultations in medical practitioner's rooms.

In certain cases, such as maternity, you may have substantial out of pocket expenses for visits to your medical practitioner, both before and after hospitalisation. These out of pocket expenses arise when the medical practitioner charges fees that are higher than the benefit Medicare will pay for out of hospital services. (The amount Medicare will pay for out of hospital services is 85% of the fee listed in the MBS.)

How do I find out if I am covered for the Medical Gap?

Before you arrange a hospital stay, we strongly recommend you call us to find out if you are being admitted into an HBF Participating Hospital and/or your medical practitioners are participating in HBF's Medical Gap Arrangements. Simply call us on 133 423 or visit our website at www.hbf.com.au

What do I do when I receive my medical account?

If your doctor has an agreement with HBF, they should send your in-patient medical account directly to us. If they send the account to you, please forward it to HBF. If your doctor is only covered to the MBS or if you have paid all or part of your account, please send the account to Medicare first and then send the Medicare statement to HBF.

Accommodation benefits

When you go into hospital, regardless of whether you have a procedure or not, you will in most cases be charged for a hospital room. Depending on your type of HBF Twin Pack cover, you may be required to pay a co-payment.

Hospital room co-payments

55Plus Twin Pack members staying in a single room in an HBF Participating Hospital may be required to contribute to the cost of a single room for up to six days of a hospital stay, after which the accommodation fee is 100% covered. All Twin Pack members staying in a shared room in an HBF Participating Hospital are fully covered. Young Singles Saver and Smart Saver members will have to contribute towards the cost of a single room in a Participating Hospital.

Hospital room co-payments — maternity

For Smart Saver Twin Pack members who are maternity patients, accommodation fees are 100% covered for the first three days of a stay in a single room in an HBF Participating Hospital (less hospital excess). After this time, the member may be required to contribute towards the cost of the next six days if the member chooses to stay in a single room.

Theatre and labour ward fees

HBF provides 100% cover for theatre and labour ward costs charged by HBF Participating Hospitals, with only a few exceptions, depending on your type of cover. Public hospitals do not charge theatre fees. Please note that there will be out of pocket expenses for procedures being performed using robotics.

55Plus Twin Pack

HBF provides theatre cover in HBF Participating Hospitals. This excludes maternity and assisted reproductive services (including IVF), where no theatre benefit is payable by HBF. A co-payment of \$50 is payable in some hospitals for endoscopy procedures such as colonoscopies and gastroscopies.

Smart Saver Twin Pack

HBF provides 100% theatre and labour ward cover in HBF Participating Hospitals, excluding joint replacement, heart procedures, cataracts, psychiatric, IVF and other assisted reproductive services, where no theatre benefit is payable by HBF.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack

HBF provides 100% theatre cover in HBF Participating Hospitals, excluding joint replacement, heart procedures, cataracts, psychiatric, maternity, IVF and other assisted reproductive services, where no theatre benefit is payable by HBF.

Pharmacy benefits

When you are admitted into hospital for a procedure, it is more than likely that pharmaceuticals will be administered. The Government subsidises the cost of some pharmaceuticals under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

HBF will pay a benefit towards the cost of non-PBS prescription pharmaceuticals administered during a hospital stay. This benefit is limited to \$1,400 per hospital episode, with a co-payment of \$100. The number of patient episodes payable per year is unlimited.

Prostheses benefits

Prostheses are the surgically implanted devices you may need if you have a procedure. There are many types of prostheses that are required during surgery. Some of the most common procedures needing prostheses are joint replacements, cataract surgery and some heart procedures.

Am I covered for prostheses?

HBF Twin Packs entitle you to a benefit for prostheses as long as you are admitted to hospital for the procedure and the item is listed on the government Prosthesis List. No benefit is payable for prostheses implanted during a procedure that is specifically excluded from your level of cover or if your procedure doesn't have an MBS item number. Most prostheses are fully covered, however there are some prostheses that may attract an out of pocket expense. Please be assured that there is at least one fully covered prosthesis available for every surgical procedure that you may need. We suggest you discuss the choice of prosthesis with your medical practitioner.

How do I find out if I am fully covered for my prosthesis?

It is important to talk to your medical practitioner to find out whether a prosthesis will be used during your procedure. Once you have confirmed this, you will need to know the item number and charge for the prosthesis you need and the item number of the procedure you will be having. When you have this information, simply contact HBF.

ADDITIONAL TWIN PACK HOSPITAL INFORMATION

HBF pays a benefit on a range of additional hospital services, depending on your individual circumstances. For full details on benefit limits, please call an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

Maternity

Midwife and lactation consultant benefits

HBF covers some midwife and lactation consultant visits provided by the discharging private hospital after new mothers return home. These visits are subject to hospital resources and availability.

Newborn babies

Newborn babies are not considered to be patients in a hospital for the first nine days, unless they are admitted to a special care facility, or the baby is part of a multiple birth. You may be required to contribute to the cost of your baby in a special care facility for the first six days of their stay in most hospitals.

Critical care

Hospital fees and subsequent HBF benefits for critical care (including intensive care units) vary significantly. It is recommended that you contact an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423 to confirm if you will incur any critical care out of pocket expenses.

Hospital boarders

HBF will fully cover the charge for a hospital boarder whose presence is integral to the management of the patient's condition.

Long stay patients

After 35 days of continuous hospitalisation (and if you no longer need acute care) the hospital must classify you as a nursing home type patient. If this happens, HBF only pays a small portion of the benefit per day and you are required to contribute towards the cost of your care. If you are in a private hospital these costs may be quite substantial.

Psychiatric treatment

HBF will pay psychiatric benefits for treatment in Participating Hospitals with approved programs. However, this is not usually 100% covered. HBF's usual 100% cover after six days of hospitalisation does not apply. Benefit limits apply to some day programs and on some levels of cover.

AMBULANCE PLUS

HBF Twin Pack members can also take out Ambulance Plus. This provides cover for elective ambulance services, including cover towards pre-booked and non-urgent ambulance care. Benefits are capped at \$3,000 per person per year. Please be aware that if you are an Aged Pensioner you may not need Ambulance Plus cover due to the WA State Government's provision of free ambulance services.

TWIN PACK ESSENTIALS BENEFITS

HBF provides benefits for a wide range of day-to-day Essentials services that may not be covered by Medicare.

Annual maximums

As an HBF member, most entitlements are based on the length of your membership and the level of your Twin Pack cover. Maximum benefits for treatment and services are calculated and based on calendar years. Please note that maximums cannot be advanced from future years, nor can unused entitlements be carried forward to the following year.

Medically necessary services

Benefits are only payable where treatment is medically necessary.

Approved providers

HBF benefits are paid only for services provided by HBF approved providers who must be registered with their government registration board (where applicable) and who must practise solely and exclusively in private practice, except where HBF decides otherwise. Since not all providers are HBF approved, be sure to ask first. If you need further information, please call an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

Twin Pack Essentials summary

The following tables outline the Essentials benefits HBF covers under each of the three Twin Pack options. This is a summary of benefits available, if you require more detail of benefits under a specific category, please call an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

Service		Waiting periods
Aid Recovery Equipment (Hire/Purchase) See page 21 for list of applicable products		2 months
Appliances (Charges for most appliances must be at least \$100) Blood glucose monitor Nebuliser		1-2 yrs depending on appliance
Chiropractic Chiropractic x-ray 1-6 spinal manipulations/adjustments 7+ spinal manipulations/adjustments	1 set p.p. per yr	2 months
Dental Visit a participating dental provider and receive a 60% to 70% benefit and one fully covered scale and clean each calendar year.		2 months
General dental Consultations/examinations Scale and clean (1st visit) Mouthguard Extractions Fillings — Direct		

Note: A single tooth can have more than one service. Dental benefits may be 60% to 70% of the fee when you visit an HBF Participating Dental Provider depending on your level of cover [refer to page 21 for more information].

Note: This table shows examples of the benefits available for some health services. The number of years in maximum columns refers to the number of years membership on the relevant cover.

p.p. = per person.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack		Smart Saver Twin Pack		55Plus Twin Pack	
Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	\$50	\$50 per person per yr
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Varies depending on appliance	Varies depending on appliance
				\$200	Once every 3 yrs
				\$108	Once every 3 yrs
\$64	\$300 combined maximum for physiotherapy, chiropractic, podiatry and pharmacy per year. Maximum includes x-rays. Maximum excludes foot orthoses.	\$64	\$300 combined maximum for physiotherapy & chiropractic. Maximum includes x-rays.	\$64	Chiropractic & osteopathy maximum combined. \$350 under 1 yr \$400 over 1 & up to 2 yrs \$450 over 2 & up to 3 yrs \$500 over 3 yrs Maximum includes x-rays.
\$17		\$17		\$17	
\$10		\$10		\$10	
\$21-\$45	No limit	\$21-\$45	Combined \$500 limit for general and major dental.	\$21-\$45	No limit
\$36	No limit	\$36		\$36	No limit
\$44	No limit	\$44		\$44	No limit
\$41-\$99	No limit	\$41-\$99		\$41-\$99	No limit
From \$39	No limit	From \$39		From \$39	No limit

Twin Pack Essentials summary — continued

Service		Waiting periods
Major dental [∞]		12 months
Veneer — Indirect		
— Direct		
Tooth coloured fillings — Indirect		
Root canal treatment		
Crowns		
Bridges		
Full dentures		
Dietetics		2 months
Initial individual consultation	1 p.p. per yr	
Subsequent individual consultation		
Group consultation		
Hearing aid		36 months

p.p. = per person.

Depending on treatment required

† Sub limits included in overall limits.

∞ Maximums are based on length of cover for that service.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack		Smart Saver Twin Pack		55Plus Twin Pack	
Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year
Not covered	Not covered				
		\$208	2 bondings [†]	\$256	2 bondings [†]
		\$64	2 bondings [†]	\$69	2 bondings [†]
		From \$150	3 services	From \$202	3 services
		Up to \$183 [#]		Up to \$220 [#]	
		\$100-\$408	(3 units of crowns/bridges per yr [†])	\$132-\$481	(3 units of crowns/bridges per yr [†])
		\$58-\$324	Combined \$500 limit for general and major dental.	\$72-\$404	\$600 under 3 yrs
		Up to \$490		Up to \$620	\$1,100 over 3 & up to 5 yrs \$1,760 over 5 & up to 10 yrs \$2,200 over 10 yrs
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered		
				\$33	\$240
				\$17	
				\$8	
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	\$550 over 3 & up to 5 yrs	One p.p. per 5 yrs under 15 yrs. One p.p. per 3 yrs over 15 yrs.
				\$600 over 5 & up to 10 yrs	
				\$650 over 10 yrs	

Twin Pack Essentials summary – continued

Service		Waiting periods
Occupational therapy		2 months
Initial individual consultation	1 p.p. per yr	
Other individual consultation less than 30 mins		
Other individual consultation 30 mins or more		
Group consultation		
Osteopathy		2 months
1-6 individual consultations		
7+ individual consultations		
Optical		2 months
Fully covered frames - A minimum 30% of all frames at a participating optical store are fully covered. ^o		
Partially covered frames - Choose a frame that is not fully covered and receive a minimum 20% discount from the participating optical store plus your benefit from HBF as listed below. [†]		
Frames & single vision lenses		
Frames & bi-focal lenses		
Frames & trifocal/progressive lenses		
Contact lenses or frequently replaced lenses		
Lenses only - Use your frame and lens benefit on lenses only if you don't need to purchase new frames		

p.p. = per person.

^o Will be fully covered when the glasses are purchased from any HBF Participating Optical store and the frames are fitted with hard coated or uncoated standard single vision, bi-focal or multi-focal/progressive lenses. † A minimum 20% discount also applies to all other non-standard lenses, plus any add-ons (refer to page 21 for more information).

Please note: Not all lens prescriptions and supplementary services may be eligible to be charged at no cost.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack		Smart Saver Twin Pack		55Plus Twin Pack	
Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered		Limits for occupational therapy & speech pathology combined. \$500 under 3 yrs \$800 over 3 yrs
				\$36	
				\$20	
				\$32	
				\$8	
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered		\$350 under 1 yr \$400 over 1 & up to 2 yrs \$450 over 2 & up to 3 yrs \$500 over 3 yrs chiropractic & osteopathy combined
				\$21	
				\$12	
\$90	1 set of glasses or 1 set of contact lenses (or up to \$140 for frequent replacement/ disposable lenses per year). \$66 sub limit for frames when purchased without lenses.	\$90	1 set of glasses or 1 set of contact lenses (or up to \$140 for frequent replacement/ disposable lenses per year). \$66 sub limit for frames when purchased without lenses.	\$90	1 pair. \$66 sub limit for frames when purchased without lenses.
\$120		\$120		\$120	
\$160		\$160		\$160	
\$140		\$140		Not covered	Not covered

Twin Pack Essentials summary – continued

Service		Waiting periods
Pharmacy For pharmaceuticals listed on the HBF Benefit Schedule		2 months
Physiotherapy Individual consults: 1–6 visits 7–12 visits 13+ visits Group consultation Individual consultation by a Specialised Physiotherapist for continence and women’s health [#]		2 months
Podiatry Initial individual consultation Individual consultation (20 mins) Extended individual consultation (over 30 mins)	1 p.p. per yr	2 months

p.p. = per person.

* Benefit only paid up to HBF Benefit Schedule.

[#] Benefits only payable for services provided by providers that are approved by HBF as a Specialised Physiotherapist

[†] Forms part of the overall physiotherapy maximum.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack		Smart Saver Twin Pack		55Plus Twin Pack	
Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year
Cost of medicine less member co-payment*	\$300 combined maximum for physiotherapy, chiropractic, podiatry and pharmacy per year. Maximum excludes foot orthoses	Cost of medicine less member co-payment*	\$300	Cost of medicine less member co-payment*	\$200 under 3 yrs \$300 over 3 yrs
\$21	\$300 combined maximum for physiotherapy, chiropractic, podiatry and pharmacy per year. Maximum excludes foot orthoses 3 consultations [†]	\$21	\$300 combined limit for physiotherapy & chiropractic	\$30	\$500 under 1 yr \$600 over 1 & up to 2 yrs \$700 over 2 & up to 3 yrs \$800 over 3 yrs
\$12		\$12		\$30	
\$12		\$12		\$15	
\$8		\$8		\$8	
\$48		\$48	3 consultations [†]	\$56	3 consultations [†]
\$26	\$300 combined maximum for physiotherapy, chiropractic, podiatry and pharmacy per year.	\$26	\$200 limit for podiatry	\$26	12 consultations
\$20		\$20		\$20	
\$24		\$24		\$24	

Twin Pack Essentials summary — continued

Service		Waiting periods
Podiatry - Foot orthoses (including casting)		12 months
Diagnostic testing & biomechanical evaluation		
Speech Therapy		2 months
Initial individual consultation	1 p.p. per yr	
Long		
Short		
Subsequent individual consultation		
up to 30 minutes		
30 up to 60 minutes		
60 minutes and over		
Group consultations		
Urgent Ambulance *		7 days

p.p. = per person.

*Urgent ambulance transport covers circumstances classified by St John Ambulance as requiring urgent attention.

Young Singles Saver Twin Pack		Smart Saver Twin Pack		55Plus Twin Pack	
Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year	Benefits up to	Maximums p.p. per calendar year
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	up to \$240	\$240 per yr
				up to \$60	\$60 per yr
Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered		Limits for occupational therapy & speech therapy combined \$500 under 3 yrs \$800 over 3 yrs
				\$74	
				\$59	
				\$22	
				\$32	
				\$44	
				\$8 p.p.	
Cover for urgent ambulance transport.	No limit for urgent ambulance transport.	Cover for urgent ambulance transport.	No limit for urgent ambulance transport.	Cover for urgent ambulance transport.	No limit for urgent ambulance transport.

ADDITIONAL TWIN PACK ESSENTIALS INFORMATION

Aid recovery equipment hire/purchase

HBF will pay a benefit for 55Plus Twin Pack members (up to \$50 per person per calendar year) for the hire or purchase of Aid Recovery equipment for example:

bath board; bed cradle; infra red lamp; knee immobiliser; ripple mattress; shower chair; bed rail; blood pressure kit; hospital bed; commode; crutches; drip stand; gutter crutches; high back chair; leg board for wheelchair; mobile shower chair; mobile trolley; monkey grip; muscle stimulator; over bed table; over trolley frame; pick-up stick; procare knee brace; shower stool; transcutaneous nerve stimulator; vaporisers; walking frame; walking frame with wheels; walking stick; walking tutor; wheelchair — adult; quadruped and tripod.

Dental

You will be entitled to a benefit for medically necessary dental services provided by an HBF approved Dentist. Benefits are also paid for medically necessary services provided by an HBF approved Dental Prosthetist.

HBF Participating Dental Providers

By attending an HBF Participating Dental Provider, you can receive even more benefit back. Depending on the level of Twin Pack cover you choose, this can be either 60% or 70% back on your dental treatment up to your maximum, as well as 100% benefit on one scale and clean each calendar year. To find out if your dental practitioner is an HBF Participating Provider, please visit www.hbf.com.au/participatingproviders or phone 133 423.

Essentials Product	Member Benefit
55 Plus (Major Dental)	70% of fee
55 Plus (General Dental) Young Singles Saver Twin Pack Smart Saver Twin Pack	60% of fee

General Dental

General dental includes the following routine dental care: regular check-ups, consultations, extractions, fillings, x-rays and mouthguards. Benefits are only paid for medically necessary bleaching procedures undertaken in the surgery. Benefits are not paid for any home bleaching treatments.

Major Dental (not including orthodontics and implants)

This category includes more extensive treatments, such as dentures, crowns, bridges and other restorative services. Please note that we do not pay a benefit for partial dentures provided by a Dental Prosthetist.

Dental benefit restrictions

The benefit on some dental items may be restricted if performed in conjunction with other specific dental services, or if a service is received more than once in a specified period of time.

HBF Participating Optical stores

For more value when choosing frames, visit an HBF Participating Optical store and a minimum 30% of the range will be fully covered. The fully covered range covers all lens types including single vision, bifocal, multi focal and progressive lenses.

If you choose a frame that is not fully covered (i.e. designer frames) you will receive a minimum 20% discount on most frames, lenses and extras, such as tinting from the optical store plus your benefit from HBF.

To find your nearest optical store visit www.hbf.com.au/participatingproviders. When purchasing your glasses your HBF benefit is used in the calendar year when you order them not when collected.

Pharmaceutical

HBF pays a benefit through most Western Australian pharmacies for therapeutic prescriptions (including repeats) for any medicine or drug listed on the current HBF Pharmacy Schedule. Benefits are not payable on Government PBS items.

All items must be prescribed by a Medical Practitioner and some drugs require a prescription from a specialist Medical Practitioner before a benefit can be paid. Please speak to an HBF Member Service Advisor for more details.

You normally pay no more per item than the co-payment specified under the National Health Act. HBF generally pays the balance of the cost, but for some items an additional member out of pocket applies. You will need to show the pharmacist your HBF member card to receive the benefit.

Podiatry Surgery by a Podiatric Surgeon

When podiatry surgery is medically necessary, you may be entitled to a benefit for fees charged by a podiatric surgeon approved by HBF. Since Medicare does not pay a benefit for anaesthetic services for podiatry surgery, we are unable to pay the normal 25% of the Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS). However, HBF will pay a benefit of \$50 and this will apply even if the Anaesthetist is an HBF fully covered Doctor. Multiple podiatry surgery benefits are reduced for the second and subsequent procedures performed on the same occasion.

Podiatry - Foot Orthoses

HBF pays a benefit for the supply of foot orthoses provided they are medically necessary. A Certificate of Diagnosis is required for foot orthoses made by a Pedorthist, Orthotist or Surgical Bootmaker. The Certificate of Diagnosis needs to be signed by an approved prescriber (that is an approved Medical Specialist, General

Practitioner or Podiatrist). An approved dispenser is a Podiatrist, Orthotist, Medical Practitioner, Pedorthist or Surgical Bootmaker approved by HBF.

Urgent Ambulance

HBF provides all Health members with unlimited cover for urgent ambulance transport. Urgent ambulance transport covers all circumstances classified by St John Ambulance as requiring urgent attention. HBF does not pay any benefit for air ambulance services.

Please note: Aged Pensioners may be eligible for the WA State Government provision of free ambulance services.

WELLNESS

HBF Wellness cover can be added to your existing Twin Pack product. Wellness provides benefits for a wide range of preventative health services including yoga or pilates programs, nicotine replacement therapy, remedial massage and more.

WELLNESS INFORMATION

The health services covered by Wellness are detailed on the following tables.

As you can see, Wellness benefits are paid based on two Groups.

From Group 1, you can continue to claim each service until you reach the individual benefit maximum for that service, in any calendar year. From Group 2, you can also choose to spend up to a maximum of \$300 on any of the benefits listed. Please note, however, that individual benefit maximums also apply for services included in this Group. All Wellness services have a two month waiting period before you can claim benefits. Benefits are only payable for services and programs provided by HBF approved providers.

Wellness summary

Group 1:

Individual Benefit Maximums

The health services outlined below have individual benefit maximums, so you can continue to claim each service until you reach the individual benefit maximum for that service in any calendar year.

		Benefits up to	Maximums p.p per calendar year
Psychology	Psychologists that have specialised in approved disciplines, such as Clinical, Counselling, Educational & Development Psychology.	\$44 (initial & standard) \$22 (group)	\$450
Exercise Physiology	Exercise Physiologists are providers of exercise interventions for physical rehabilitation; as a strategy for disease prevention; or for establishing & sustaining functional independence.	\$21 (1-6 consultations) \$12 (7+ consultations) \$10 (group)	\$300
Remedial Massage/ Myotherapy	Remedial massage treatment assists in healing parts of the body that have been injured or left inactive due to age, illness or injury.	\$21 (1-6 consultations) \$12 (7+ consultations)	\$200
Nutritionist	Nutritionists provide advice about food choices for a healthy diet using their extensive knowledge of the nutritional value of foods.	\$33 (initial) \$17 (subsequent)	\$200
Travel Vaccinations	Travel vaccinations protect people against disease when travelling. HBF pays benefits for Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever, Cholera, Meningococcal, Small Pox, Poliomyelitis and Hepatitis A and B.	On receipt	\$100
Nicotine Replacement Therapy	Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) prevents illness by helping members to quit smoking. NRT includes patches, lozenges & gum.	On receipt	\$100
Pilates Programs*	Pilates is an exercise style that involves training your muscles to improve posture and alignment.	\$75 per program	\$150

Group 2:

\$300 Group Benefit Maximum with Individual Benefit Maximums

The health services outlined below have a group benefit maximum of \$300. That means you can claim up to a total of \$300 across all of these services, in any calendar year but individual benefit maximums also apply.

		Benefits up to	Maximums p.p per calendar year	Group maximum p.p per calendar year
Reflexology	Reflexology is a science based on the principle that reflex areas in the feet, hands and ears relate to the internal organs and other structures of the body.	\$21 per consultation	\$150	\$300
Herbalist Consultation	Herbalists prescribe and prepare natural remedies specific to their client's health profiles using plants and plant parts. Providers of Herbalist consultations may provide Western herbal medicine consultations or Chinese herbal medicine consultations. Herbs not included.	\$25 per consultation	\$100	
Yoga Programs*	Yoga is a system of exercises that help your control of the body and mind. It also improves your breathing and focuses the alignment of your body.	\$75 per program	\$75	
Health Monitoring Equipment	Equipment to monitor health to identify potential illness before it occurs and assist in early preventative strategies being put in place. Inclusions: Bathroom / Body Weight Scales, Cholesterol Monitoring Kit, Blood Pressure Monitor, Pedometers, Heart Monitoring Equipment, Thermometers.	On receipt	\$75	
Preventative Equipment	Preventative equipment prevents injury from occurring when exercising or doing activities designed to improve health. Inclusions: Joint & Back Supports, Braces, Pressure Garments, Aids to Recovery Equipment.	On receipt	\$75	

* A program is a minimum of eight sessions within a three month period.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Understanding your Twin Pack cover can be difficult so below are the answers to some of the most common questions asked by our members. If you have any other queries, please call one of our Member Service Advisors on 133 423.

Why isn't there a no-claim bonus?

The simple answer is, we are legally not allowed to offer one. Under the provisions of the Private Health Insurance Act, health insurers are prohibited from charging a lesser premium based on a person's state of health or history of claiming. This is called 'community rating'. This system aims to ensure that groups with a higher level of claims are not disadvantaged.

Why doesn't HBF pay 100% of the health costs?

If we were to pay 100% of all services, health insurance premiums would increase dramatically. For example, if we were to refund 100% of all dental fees, the approximate cost to HBF would be an additional \$105 million per year. We set our benefits by equitably distributing funds amongst our members. Our objective is to return the highest possible benefit to our members on each item, taking into account the various levels of cover.

Up to what age are my children covered?

Children are covered on their parent's policy up until the end of the year they turn 18, unless they are married or living in a de-facto relationship. Children under 25 who are not married or living in a de-facto relationship and not earning more than \$19,500 p.a taxable income, or who are full time students are also eligible to remain on their parent's policy.

Do I have to use my HBF Cover in a public hospital?

As a patient in a public hospital, you can choose to be treated as a private or public patient.

A public patient's accommodation and treatment are provided without charge.

However, if you choose to be a public patient you will be treated by a medical practitioner assigned by the hospital. You should also be aware that the allocation of single rooms in public hospitals is decided according to clinical need. As a private patient in a public hospital, you may incur some out of pocket expenses for medical services and/or accommodation.

What if I'm not eligible for Medicare?

If you aren't eligible for Medicare, you will experience large out of pocket hospital and medical costs with HBF Twin Pack cover. You may wish to consider HBF Overseas Visitors cover which provides benefits for services Medicare would normally cover. Please contact us on 133 423 or visit www.hbf.com.au for more information.

Need cover outside Australia?

We do not pay benefits for treatment or services provided outside Australia, including general treatment such as dental and glasses and any hospital or medical treatment.

You may want to consider taking out travel insurance that covers benefits for emergency treatment received overseas.

If you are away for longer than two months you can suspend your Health membership. For more details, please contact an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

Need cover when you are interstate?

Just because you are out of Western Australia does not mean you have to forego your HBF health cover. As an HBF member, you are covered anywhere in Australia provided you keep your premiums up to date. You can do this by arranging direct debit from your bank, building society, credit union or credit card account. You can also pay online at www.hbf.com.au, by phone or mail.

Moving interstate permanently?

If you move interstate permanently, HBF is happy to continue to cover you and your family. Although HBF is a Western Australian based organisation, benefits for standard treatments are suitable for other states. However, special arrangements are made with West Australian providers only. As different states have varying medical costs, premiums are a reflection of the state you reside in. If you have any questions relating to moving interstate, please contact one of our Member Service Advisors on 133 423.

Where can I get HBF Fund Rules?

Detailed terms and conditions are contained in the HBF Fund Rules. To obtain the HBF Fund Rules visit www.hbf.com.au or contact one of our Member Service Advisors on 133 423.

Are there any exclusions on benefits?

There are a few circumstances under which HBF will not pay a benefit. These include:

- If your membership is unfinancial at the time of treatment or service.
- On claims covered by Worker's Compensation, Third Party or other source.
- A benefit will not be paid until after treatment or service has been received.
- A benefit may not be paid unless the claim is lodged within two years of the date of service.
- HBF only pays benefits on internet purchases of pharmaceuticals or contact lenses from an HBF approved provider, that must be operating in Australia.
- No benefits are payable for Twin Pack Essentials services when Medicare pays a benefit.
- HBF does not pay benefits for hospital treatment that is not eligible for a Medicare benefit, such as cosmetic surgery.

COOLING OFF PERIOD

Members that take out any HBF Health policy have a 30 day cooling off period from the commencement date of the policy, in which time they may cancel their policy and receive a full refund of any premiums paid, provided that they have not made a claim against the policy.

LET US HELP YOU

At HBF, we are continually looking for ways to serve you better. This is evidenced by the Private Health Insurance Code of Conduct, which is designed to help our members by providing clear information and transparency in our dealings with you. The Code is designed to help solve problems between members and HBF.

We have also established a complaints handling process for members who may have a dispute with HBF. You can access HBF's complaint handling process via any of our Service Centres or by contacting an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your concern, you can ask to have it reviewed by our Internal Dispute Resolution (IDR) process. Complaints should be addressed to:

Complaints Officer
GPO Box C101
Perth WA 6809

If a resolution is still not reached to your satisfaction, you can contact the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman by ringing toll free on 1800 640 695, or write to Level 7, 362 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or forward your complaint to a health care complaints commission or fair trading body in your state of residence.

STATE OF THE HEALTH FUNDS REPORT

Every year the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman publishes a State of the Health Funds report to assist consumers in assessing the comparative performance and service delivery of Australia's private health insurance providers. A copy of the report can be downloaded from www.phio.org.au.

PRIVATE PATIENT'S HOSPITAL CHARTER

The Private Patient's Hospital Charter is published by the Department of Health and Ageing as a guide to what it means to be a private patient in a public hospital, a private hospital or a day facility. The Charter is available online at www.health.gov.au.

PRIVACY

Ensuring your Privacy

At HBF, we respect the privacy of your personal information. We process personal details on a daily basis and are committed to ensuring that the privacy and security of personal information remains protected. We are bound by the National Privacy Principles (NPPs) set out in the Privacy Act 1988.

A privacy statement about personal information collected by HBF is contained in "Your Rights and Obligations" brochure which is provided to you when you take out cover or is available on request.

Further details on the way we handle personal information are in our Privacy Policy, which is available at www.hbf.com.au or on request by calling an HBF Member Service Advisor on 133 423.

STANDARD INFORMATION STATEMENTS

A Standard Information Statement is a brief summary of the key features of your health insurance product. It contains information in a standard format set out by the Federal Government. HBF will provide a Standard Information Statement for each policy annually, on request and in any other circumstances required by legislation.

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