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PROSTHESES LIST – BENEFIT REDUCTION FEBRUARY 2020

This circular provides information for stakeholders about the February 2020 Prostheses List benefit reductions.

As per the Government-MTAA Agreement, the final round of benefit reductions payable by private health insurers for devices on the Prostheses List will take effect 1 February 2020. The reduction is calculated on the basis of the Prostheses List benefit on 31 January 2020. The following groups are exempt: 03.01.01, 08.17.01, 08.18.01 and 08.18.02.

The table below shows the reduction percentages that apply.

Benefit Reductions effective 1 February 2020	
Ophthalmic	-5%
Except Groups	
Foldable	-8.5%
Viscoelastic	-10%
Ears Nose Throat	-5%
Except Groups (Cochlear Implants, Speech Processors, Sound Processor Accessory Kits, Implantable Bone Conduction Hearing System)	-
General Miscellaneous	-5%
Except Groups (Infusion Pumps, Balloon Based; Sponges; Pliable Patches, Internal Adhesives, Ligating Devices; Staples & Tackers)	-7%
Neurosurgical	-5%
Urogenital	-
Specialist Ortho	-
Except Groups (Screws; Surgical Accessories; Bone Cement)	-3%
Plastic and Reconstructive	-
Cardiac	-7.5%
Except Group (Cardiac Defect Occluders)	-10%
Cardiothoracic	-
Vascular	-5%
Except Assessment Bodies (Vascular Patches; Arterial Closure Devices; Long Term Vascular Access Devices); and	-10%
Groups (Occlusion Devices – Particle; Coil, Peripheral; Polymer; Delivery Device For Occlusion Media)	
Hip	-4.5%

Knee	-2.5%
Spinal	-3.75%

Additional information on the benefit reductions can be found at:

[Private health insurance reforms: Prostheses List benefit reductions Agreement between the Government and the Medical Technology Association of Australia \(MTAA\)](#)

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