

Subsidy Information and List Effective 31 March 2011

- Services must relate to Spina Bifida &/or Hydrocephalus and applies to **financial members only**.
- Services and goods will not be subsidised if they can be claimed through your:
 - Membership of a private health fund,
 - CAPS (unless the allocation from this source is exhausted)
 - ILEP or a similar funding body.
- **Receipts over 12 months old will not be accepted. Must be the original receipts/invoices**
- **Members must be financial prior to the date of the charges**
- **Subsidies are available to members 16+ years of age**

25% Subsidy Applies to the Following:

- Basic cost of membership for Medic Alert
- Disposable napkins/pads for people over 16 years of age- *reasonable limits apply unless approved by the outreach nurse*
- Protective pants/incontinence pants & plugs, *reasonable limits apply unless approved by the outreach nurse*
- Delivery cost to a maximum of **ten dollars** for Disposable napkins/pads, Protective pants/incontinence pants and plugs
- PATS – Country members; subsidy applies to current minimum patient contribution for travel & costs in addition to first nights accommodation
- Difference between Medicare/Health Fund Refund and Scheduled Fee only for services that relate specifically to treatment of Spina Bifida (**maximum subsidy of up to \$200 applies per calendar year**)
- House cleaning – Cleaning services for independent living to a maximum subsidy of \$150 per calendar year
- A driving assessment performed by an Occupational Therapist
- Allied health services for Spina bifida related condition. e.g. podiatry & dietician
- Ongoing costs of personal alarms
- Ongoing Maintenance cost of Gopher or Electric Wheelchairs where these repairs are not supported by other agencies. Maximum subsidy of \$500 per calendar year. *Not battery or chair replacement.*
- Neuro-psych assessment towards job placement

50% Subsidy Applies to the Following:

- Membership to Ileostomy/Colostomy & Diabetes Association and other allied services
- Membership to SA Ambulance for people over 18
- Catheters and catheterisation requirements as prescribed by a Urologist/Registered Nurse/Outreach Nurse. *Reasonable limits apply and subject to CAPS scheme being exhausted.*
- Repairs of callipers and orthopaedic sticks
- Orthotics and associated expenses for *Spina bifida related conditions*
- Non PBS medications as discussed and approved in advance by Outreach Nurses
- **Access Cabs to in-house programs up to \$100 per year.** *Excludes Wheels in Motion program.*

Claims on the following items will only be considered once every 5 years:

- Hand controls to enable a person with Spina Bifida to drive a motor vehicle (payable up to a maximum amount of \$100.00)
- Subsidy towards the purchase of powered transport aids (up to a maximum amount of \$500.00 per claim)
- Subsidy towards the purchase of manual wheelchairs (up to a maximum of \$250.00 per claim)

Any items not listed for Subsidy should be submitted with receipts for consideration.

All claims subject to the discretion of the Association and to a maximum of \$750 per client per annum

This subsidy document is effective from 31 March 2011 and may not apply beyond 30 June 2012