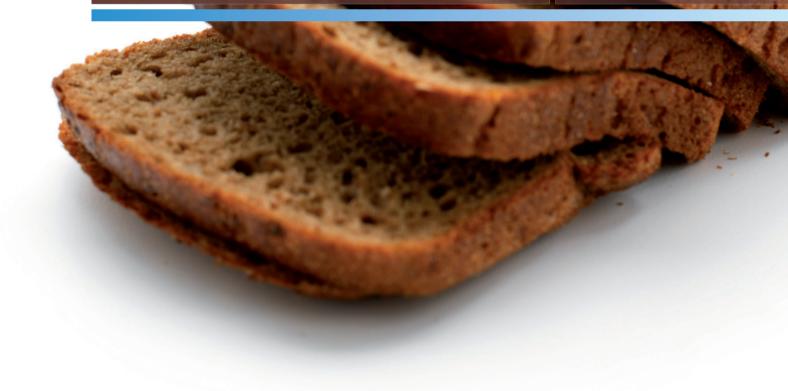


Sure Care Concessionary

Health insurance policy document

Choose bread made with whole grains (unrefined) which can help protect against heart disease, certain cancers and diabetes.



Welcome

to your SureCare Concessionary plan.

Thank you for choosing us to help you take care of your health. This policy document sets out the benefits of your SureCare Concessionary plan and it also provides information you need to make the most of your Southern Cross membership.



The SureCare Concessionary plan

SureCare Concessionary provides cover for cancer care, surgical treatment, consultations, diagnostic imaging, tests, non-surgical treatment and day-to-day treatment, as well as the other **healthcare services** listed in the **Coverage Tables**. An excess of \$50 or \$300 may apply.

Financial strength rating

Southern Cross Medical Care Society (trading as Southern Cross Health Society) has an A+ (Strong) financial strength rating given by Standard & Poor's (Australia) Pty Limited.

The rating scale is:

AAA (Extremely Strong)	AA (Very Strong)	A (Strong)
BBB (Good)	BB (Marginal)	B (Weak)
CCC (Very Weak)	CC (Extremely Weak)	SD or D (Selective Default or Default)
R (Regulatory Action)	NR (Not Rated)	

Ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

Full details of the rating scale are available at standardandpoors.com. Standard & Poor's is an approved rating agency under the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010.

Please note that we may record and store telephone calls to and from **Southern Cross**. We do this to have a record of the information we receive and give over the telephone. This also helps us with quality assurance, continuous improvement and staff training. Your call will be handled in complete confidence, except to the extent we are authorised to discuss any aspect of your **policy**, any claim or health information relating to a claim or other information relating to your **policy** with other persons, as described in section 07 of this **policy** document.

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Your policy document

This policy document should be read in conjunction with your Membership Certificate, the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment and any subsequent information we send to you regarding changes to this policy document or any of these related documents.

Terminology used in this policy document

When we have used **bold type** in this **policy** document, it means that the word has a special medical or legal meaning. We define some of these terms throughout this **policy** document, and the remaining terms are defined in section 08 at the end of this **policy** document.

Throughout this policy document, when we refer to we/our/us we mean Southern Cross and when we refer to you/your we mean the policyholder and any dependant listed on the Membership Certificate (unless otherwise specified).

If you do not understand any aspect of your **policy**, please contact us and we will be pleased to answer your query.

Changes to your policy

We may change or update which healthcare services are eligible, the scope of cover, terms and conditions of your policy and premiums for this policy from time to time. If we make any such changes, we will notify you in writing (including on our website or by email).

The policyholder is responsible for advising dependants of any changes to the policy. If you are not happy with any of the changes we wish to make the policyholder can contact us within 1 month of the notification of changes to discuss alternatives or to cancel this policy.

Contents of this policy document

In the remainder of this introductory section you/your means the policyholder. Benefits under this policy are part of your entitlement as a member of Southern Cross.

The policy comprises:

- · the Membership Certificate,
- this policy document, and any document that is incorporated by reference (ie eligibility criteria),
- the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment, and any amendment or variation made to them from time to time.

The Membership Certificate details:

- the key dates in respect of your policy,
- the people covered under your policy,
- the name of your plan and level of cover which applies,
- · your Southern Cross membership number,
- · any specific exclusions from cover for pre-existing conditions known to Southern Cross at the time of issue of the Membership Certificate applicable to the people covered under your policy, and
- any other information specific to your policy.

This policy document details:

- the terms and conditions of your policy, including limitations and exclusions,
- the process involved in making a claim,
- · administration details relating to your policy, including how to make a change to it, and
- additional information relevant to your policy.

Certain terms and conditions of your **policy** are set out in this **policy** document as easy-to-understand questions and answers. It is important that you read all of this policy document to ensure that you fully understand the terms and conditions of your policy.

The List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment forms part of this **policy** and is available on our website or by calling us.

The List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment is important in determining the prostheses, specialised equipment and consumables or donor tissue preparation charges covered by this policy, as there is no cover for any prostheses, specialised equipment and consumables or donor tissue preparation charges that are not on this list.

Membership of Southern Cross

Your Application Form for this **policy** also constitutes an application by the **policyholder** for membership of **Southern Cross**. Therefore, you should read the Rules of **Southern Cross** which are available at southerncross.co.nz/rules or by calling us.

By applying for membership you agree (both for yourself and on behalf of your dependants) to be bound by the Rules of Southern Cross. On this policy being terminated (for whatever reason) your (and your dependants') Southern Cross memberships will cease. Likewise, if the policyholder's membership is terminated, this policy will be cancelled. If you join Southern Cross and cancel your policy during the 14 day period referred to under "How do I cancel my policy?" on page 27 of this policy document, then you will not become a Southern Cross member.

Your policy

The SureCare Concessionary plan is a variation of the SureCare plan with special benefits designed specifically for members who hold a certificate of waiver.

This **policy** document sets out the benefits and terms and conditions of the SureCare Concessionary plan.

The policy limits set out in the Coverage Tables are set at a level which reflects the premium charged for the SureCare Concessionary plan.

In return for payment of the premium, we agree to provide you with cover for eligible healthcare services as set out in this **policy** document. When we say "cover" throughout this policy document we mean cover for claims calculated in accordance with the chart on page 6. To be **eligible** to claim under your **policy**, your premium payments must be up to date.

Please remember that this policy is designed to complement the services provided by ACC and the public health service. This is why we have limited cover for healthcare services related to an accident or treatment injury and no cover for acute care.

This **policy** is only for New Zealand citizens, New Zealand residents or those otherwise entitled to publicly funded healthcare for all services as determined by the Ministry of Health from time to time.

How to receive treatment and make a claim

How does cover work under my policy?

The following chart has been included to describe how your cover for healthcare services works under the policy in an easy-to-understand format. Please note that in situations where you could claim all or part of the cost of your healthcare service from another insurer or other person (including ACC) you will need to refer to pages 10 to 12 to fully understand how your cover works.

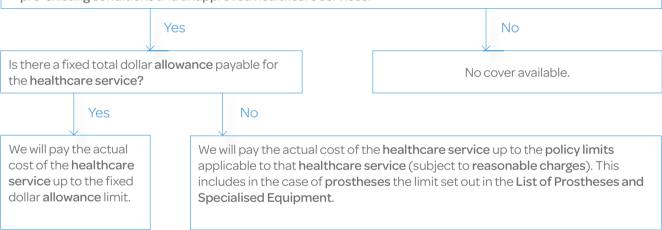
You should note that this calculation applies to each eligible component from the Coverage Tables so your claim may be broken down before being assessed if it encompasses more than one component.

This chart does not relate to prescription drugs. To understand what cover is available for prescription drugs refer to page 9.

Is the healthcare service eligible for cover?

To be eligible the healthcare service must be:

- covered under or listed in the **Coverage Tables** and comply with any applicable terms and conditions (including any **eligibility criteria** we may specify from time to time)
- approved treatment
- performed in private practice by a health services provider with registration applicable to the healthcare service
- a healthcare service for which costs are actually incurred or to be incurred, and
- not otherwise excluded under the terms of your **policy**, including (but not limited to) the exclusions for **pre-existing conditions** and **unapproved healthcare services**.



For **eligible healthcare services** provided by an **Affiliated Provider**, unless you are advised otherwise by **Southern Cross** and/or your **Affiliated Provider**, we will pay you 100% of the amount charged up to **policy limits**.

We will pay the amount reached under the above calculation less any excess applicable and payable by you. You will be responsible for paying the balance.

What is an allowance?

An **allowance** is a fixed amount we pay towards the actual charges for certain eligible healthcare services. Details of the **healthcare services** which are covered by **allowances** and the amounts of such **allowances** are set out in the Coverage Tables on pages 15 to 22. Some allowances are only available as a one-off payment as specified in the Coverage Tables. You should note that almost always the **allowances** will be significantly less than the actual charges for the **healthcare services** and you must pay the balances of the charges yourself. If the actual charges are less than the fixed total dollar allowance limit, we will pay the actual charges.

Does my policy have an excess and if so how does it work?

Under the SureCare Concessionary plan a \$50 excess or a \$300 excess may apply; see the Coverage Tables for details.

If you apply for prior approval (see pages 8 and 9) and we pay your **health services provider** directly, then you will have to pay your excess to your health services provider vourself.

What does Southern Cross mean by "reasonable charges"?

Reasonable charges are charges for healthcare services that are determined as reasonable by us (acting reasonably) based on our review of our data.

The charges established as a result of this review process are referred to throughout this policy as reasonable charges.

Which health service providers are covered?

In order for a **healthcare service** to be **eligible**, it must be performed by a Specialist, General Practitioner, Nurse or by another health services provider practising in private practice with registration applicable to the healthcare service. If you are unsure whether any health services provider you are intending to use has appropriate registration or is a member of an appropriate organisation, please contact us.

The prior approval process

Call us to confirm whether your healthcare service is eligible for cover and the conditions that apply. You need to provide estimated charges from your health services provider, we can then inform you of your level of cover (including any excess payable by you) and whether or not the estimated charges exceed policy limits or reasonable charges for your intended healthcare service.

You must contact us for prior approval if the cost of your healthcare service is likely to be over \$1,000 or where the healthcare service involves any hospitalisation (including day stay or in-patient surgery) regardless of the cost, unless you are using an Affiliated Provider. You should do this at least 5 working days prior to the healthcare service being provided.

If you do not contact us for prior approval before using the healthcare service, you will have to pay for the healthcare service yourself and then submit a claim. We will process the claim in accordance with your policy. By not contacting us for prior approval, you will not know what you are entitled to receive under this policy and what you are responsible to pay yourself. Amounts you are responsible for could arise due to an excess applying or due to the healthcare service not being eligible for cover under your policy, or the actual charges exceeding reasonable charges or the policy limits.

What is an Affiliated Provider and what are the benefits of using one?

Southern Cross has entered into contracts with certain health services providers. These providers are called Affiliated Providers.

By having agreed prices for certain procedures, the Affiliated Provider can tell you what (if anything) you will be required to pay for your healthcare services. Unless you are advised otherwise by Southern Cross and/or your Affiliated Provider, we will pay 100% of the amount charged up to policy limits.

The Affiliated Provider will organise prior approval and claim directly from us for the healthcare service. When an Affiliated Provider provides a healthcare service to you, we deem this to be a claim under your policy.

A full list of Affiliated Providers and the healthcare services they offer can be found at healthcarefinder.co.nz. The Affiliated Provider network varies in services, and Affiliated Providers may not be available for all healthcare services listed in this policy or in all geographic areas.

Can I use a health services provider that is not an Affiliated Provider?

Yes, you can (as long as the procedure is not **Affiliated Provider**-only).

Affiliated Provider-only procedures

Healthcare services specified in the Coverage Tables must be provided by an Affiliated Provider for that healthcare service to be covered under this policy.

Will my health services provider give me an estimate of the charges?

Under the Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996 you have the right to receive an outline of the treatment, risks associated with the treatment and an estimate of charges from your health services provider before treatment takes place. Please provide this to us when you apply for prior approval. You should note that this is an estimate only. If the actual charges vary this may affect your level of reimbursement from us.

What if I have two or more surgical procedures at the same time?

When you have two or more surgical procedures simultaneously, sequentially or under the same anaesthetic the following will apply:

For **eligible healthcare services** provided by an Affiliated Provider, unless you are advised otherwise by us or your Affiliated Provider, we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your **Affiliated Provider** for each of the procedures up to the policy limits. For multiple surgical procedures provided by a **Specialist** who is not an **Affiliated Provider**, we will pay the actual cost of each procedure up to the policy limits.

If you are going to have two or more surgical procedures at the same time, you should inform us at the time of prior approval so that we can help you determine the extent of your cover with us.

What if I have more than one surgeon, an assistant surgeon or a registered nurse first surgical assistant involved in the operation?

Your **policy** provides reimbursement for one surgeon per operation only. If you are going to have more than one surgeon, an assistant surgeon or a registered nurse first surgical assistant involved in the operation you should inform us at the time of prior approval so that we can help you determine the extent of cover.

What if I need follow-up healthcare services after surgery?

After surgery, if you require additional surgery in connection with the initial surgery, you should contact us to discuss the additional surgery and apply for further prior approval. If the additional treatment relates to a treatment injury refer to page 12 for information.

Which prescription drugs qualify for cover?

Your **policy** provides different cover for **drugs** depending on what type of **healthcare service** they relate to.

- Drugs prescribed and taken in hospital during surgical treatment, non-surgical treatment or psychiatric care are covered as part of ancillary hospital charges.
- Chemotherapy drugs taken as part of chemotherapy treatment are covered as part of the chemotherapy treatment benefit.
- Any other drugs or prescriptions are only covered under the prescription benefit.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, for any drugs to qualify for cover, they must be Pharmac approved, prescribed by a Medical Practitioner in private practice and not otherwise excluded by your policy terms.

The definitions for all these terms can be found on pages 31 to 35 of this **policy** document.

You can claim from **Southern Cross** the actual amount you pay for the **drug** (being the amount due after any Pharmac subsidy has been applied) up to your policy limits.

As an exception to the requirement for all **drugs** to be Pharmac approved, we do allow you to claim non-Pharmac approved chemotherapy drugs but only as specifically listed under chemotherapy treatment in the Coverage Tables.

If any **drug** you are prescribed would require a special authority from **Pharmac** if it was being administered in a public facility, you are only entitled to reimbursement of that **drug** under this **policy** once you have met that same special authority criteria.

The claiming process

How can I make a claim under my policy?

You can make a claim under your policy by submitting a completed claim form (online at My Southern Cross, via the My Southern Cross app, or by post), claiming electronically using Easy-claim for a healthcare service or visiting an Affiliated Provider for a healthcare service. When you claim electronically via Easy-claim for eligible healthcare services (and your claim is accepted by us) or an Affiliated Provider provides a healthcare service to you, we deem this to be a claim under your policy. All claims are subject to the provisions of your policy.

What do I need to provide to Southern Cross when I make a claim?

Unless you are visiting an Affiliated Provider or claiming electronically using Easy-claim, you need to submit a completed claim form and itemised receipts, which include the date treatment was provided, for the healthcare services listed on the claim form. We do not accept EFTPOS or credit card receipts. The claim form must be fully completed to ensure that your claim can be processed promptly. If the claim form is being posted to us, please ensure the form is signed by you and that the original copies of the itemised receipts are included.

What rules apply when claiming electronically via Easy-claim?

When a selected health services provider claims electronically via Easy-claim on your behalf for an eligible healthcare service provided to you, we deem this to be a claim under your policy and you authorise us to pay the health services provider directly.

Please be aware that for electronic claiming at a pharmacy, the first time you claim electronically for an eligible drug for you, you are electing to electronically claim for that and any subsequent eligible drug that you may wish to acquire from that pharmacy and any subsequent transaction/s will be automatically processed as an electronic claim on your policy, unless you advise us or the pharmacy otherwise.

How long do I have to send in my receipts?

Claims must be submitted to us within 12 months of the date of provision of the healthcare service in order to be assessed.

Do I need to provide further information?

When you request a prior approval, we may ask you to provide us with a medical report. This will enable us to assess and advise you of the amount of your cover.

Sometimes we may not be able to assess your claim from the claim form, invoices and receipts and we may need to contact you or the health services provider to clarify some details to enable us to assess the claim correctly.

In exceptional circumstances, we may need to ask a health services provider chosen by us, to advise us about the medical facts or examine you in relation to the claim. We will only do this when there is uncertainty as to the level of cover under the **policy** or the nature or extent of the medical condition. This examination and advice will be at our expense. You must co-operate with the health services provider chosen by us, or we will not pay your claim.

I might have cover under another insurance policy, or I could claim the cost of my treatment from someone else. What should I do?

First of all make claims against the other insurer or other person who may be liable, then complete a claim form for the full extent of your claim and send it to us, together with details of the level of payment you have received.

We will deduct that payment from the amount we will reimburse to you in accordance with this policy.

It is your responsibility to inform us of the other insurer or other person liable to pay towards the cost of the healthcare service and to make every reasonable effort to obtain payment from them. We have the right to recover from the **policyholder** any payment made by Southern Cross for a healthcare service where the cost is recoverable from another insurer or other person.

If you have two or more policies with Southern Cross, you are not entitled to claim for, or be reimbursed for, an amount higher than the actual cost of the healthcare service provided.

What else do I need to know about my claim?

We reimburse claims either directly to the health services provider if prior approval has been obtained or you have visited an Affiliated Provider or claimed electronically via Easy-claim at a selected health services provider (and your claim has been accepted by us) or to the policyholder (current at the time the healthcare service was provided, not at the time the claim is submitted).

We may decline any claim that we reasonably consider to be invalid or unjustified. We may examine any claims for healthcare services and where appropriate investigate any aspect of the healthcare services provided.

If your policy is still in force and your premium is not paid up to date (by you and/or your employer) for the period in which treatment was received, then we will not pay your claim until we receive full payment of any arrears.

If the policyholder has been overpaid on any claims, we may seek to recover the amount incorrectly paid out.

Does Southern Cross have the right to deduct money owing from the payment of any claims I make?

Yes, if we are entitled to recover any money from you in relation to this **policy** at any time, we can deduct the amount you owe us from any claim payment or other payment we make to you.

If any claim or other payment we are due to make to you by cheque or otherwise remains unclaimed for 2 years or more, such payment may be applied for the benefit of Southern Cross.

Does Southern Cross not reimburse any health services providers?

We have set out elsewhere in the policy how we reimburse eligible healthcare services and any terms that apply to such reimbursement. However, there may also be rare occasions where we will not reimburse particular health services providers for any healthcare services, for example in the case of fraud. In the rare circumstances that we do not recognise a health services provider for reimbursement we will first advise you that there would be no cover for any healthcare service if it is carried out by that health services provider. If the healthcare service itself is eligible for reimbursement we will of course be able to approve the healthcare service with another health services provider.

HOW DOES MY SOUTHERN CROSS POLICY FIT WITH ACUTE CARE?

This **policy** is designed to provide cover for **eligible healthcare services** and so we will not reimburse charges for **acute care**.

If you need acute care you should go directly to your nearest Accident and Emergency unit in a public hospital.

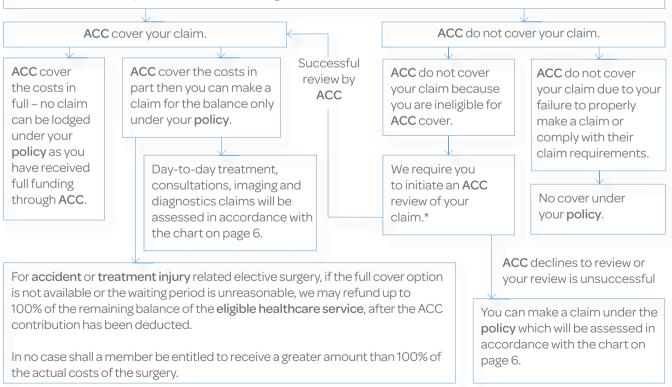
HOW DOES MY SOUTHERN CROSS POLICY FIT WITH ACC?

Your SureCare Concessionary plan will not provide cover for accident treatment or treatment injury expenses that ACC is legally responsible for. In some cases ACC will not pay the full amount charged for your treatment. In these cases you may be able to make a claim under your policy.

Special conditions apply to accident and treatment injury related surgery. Under the ACC legislation, you can choose between full cover (where your health services provider is fully contracted by ACC to provide your procedure at no cost to you) or partial cover (where your health services provider is partially contracted by ACC to provide your procedure and you will be required to contribute towards the surgery costs). The full cover option should be your first choice as you may not have to make any contribution to your surgery costs. By comparison, under the partial cover option you will have to make a contribution towards the costs of the healthcare service.

The following chart has been included to describe how your cover for healthcare services related to an accident or treatment injury works under your policy in an easy-to-understand format.

Where you require a **healthcare service** related to an **accident** or **treatment injury** you must first make every reasonable effort to obtain **ACC** approval for payment of the cost of your **healthcare service**. This includes signing all documents and performing all acts necessary to permit **Southern Cross** to fully protect and realise any entitlement either on your behalf or in its own right.



You must first send us a copy of the decline letter from ACC. You will need to pay your health services provider for any treatment that you receive. We will then reimburse you the amount you are entitled to under this policy.

^{*}If you withdraw from a review without consulting us we may seek reimbursement of any payment we have already made to you.

Existing medical conditions and commencement of cover

Are pre-existing conditions covered?

Health insurance is primarily meant to provide cover for the treatment of health conditions, signs and symptoms that arise after the policy has been taken out. There is no cover for pre-existing conditions under the policy unless we agree in writing to offer cover for pre-existing conditions.

However after 3 years of continuous cover a healthcare service relating to any pre-existing condition may be covered under your policy provided that the healthcare service is eligible for cover.

When the policyholder completed the Application Form for this **policy** the **policyholder** declared the conditions, signs, symptoms and events for which the policyholder or any **dependant** knew about at the date of application. We assess the conditions, signs, symptoms and events disclosed in the application and make a decision whether to offer cover for any pre-existing conditions or not. Pre-existing conditions which we know of at the time of issuing the **Membership Certificate** and which we decline to cover will be set out on your Membership Certificate.

The exclusions for pre-existing conditions (including any specific conditions listed on the Membership Certificate) are in addition to the standard exclusions noted in this policy document.

Declaration of pre-existing conditions

If the policyholder did not declare a pre-existing condition relating to the policyholder or any dependant on the Application Form, and the relevant person subsequently requires treatment, then we may decline cover for that pre-existing condition. In these circumstances, at the time we become aware of the pre-existing condition we will also add it to your Membership Certificate so that we have a record of the pre-existing condition.

When does cover under the policy commence?

Cover under this **policy** commences on the **policy** start date unless you are advised otherwise by Southern Cross at the time of joining.

Newborn dependants added to the policy within 3 months following their date of birth are covered from the date of their addition.

Private healthcare services to which this policy applies

The Coverage Tables set out on pages 15 to 22 give details of healthcare services which are covered under SureCare Concessionary, together with details of policy limits and other terms and conditions of cover.

List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment

We publish on our website a List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment which outlines the prostheses, specialised equipment and consumables or donor tissue preparation charges covered by this policy. If a prosthesis is not listed in the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment, we will not provide cover unless we advise otherwise.

We may change the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment from time to time and these changes will be notified to you in the same way as any other changes to the policy, as set out on page 2 of this policy document.

Treatment in a public facility

Southern Cross does not pay for any healthcare service undertaken in a public hospital or facility controlled directly or indirectly by a DHB unless specifically accepted in writing by Southern Cross prior to any treatment.

Quality of healthcare services

We are not liable to you for the quality, standard or effectiveness of any healthcare service provided to you by, or any other actions of, any health services provider or any of their employees or agents.

Eligibility criteria

We may from time to time put new eligibility criteria in place or update the existing eligibility criteria.

Treatment overseas

There is an allowance for approved treatment not available in the public or private sector within New Zealand. This allowance is only to contribute towards the medical expenses you incur and does not pay towards accommodation or travel costs. The treatment must be recommended by a Specialist in private practice. Southern Cross must approve the treatment based on a medical report you provide before treatment takes place. Without this prior approval, the claim cannot be paid. Ordinary policy exclusions apply.

Coverage Tables

The following Coverage Tables set out the healthcare services included under SureCare Concessionary. The Coverage Tables specify the policy limits and terms and conditions applicable to the listed healthcare services. The Coverage Tables should be read together with the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment, which is available at southerncross.co.nz/plans, or by calling us.

Eligibility criteria may apply to some procedures, please refer to southerncross.co.nz/eligibilitycriteria.

When reading the Coverage Tables you can refer to the chart on page 6 to understand how your cover will be calculated, and to the glossary of terms on pages 31 to 35 for the explanation of all bolded terms. All figures include GST.

Also included is a benefit summary for Cancer Assist.

SureCare Concessionary - Coverage Tables Your refund for any eligible healthcare service will be the maximum in the column below or the actual cost whichever is the lower,

less any excess payable.⁴

HEALTHCARE SERVICE	MAXIMUM*	OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS
		to be eligible for cover under this policy – see page 16 for details. Thincluding any cost relating to titanium dental implants.
Surgical procedures Surgeon's operating fee/s Anaesthetist's fee/s Intensivist's fee Hospital fees	\$100,000 per operation	Performed by a Specialist or Affiliated Provider contracted for that healthcare service in an approved facility .
Surgically implanted prostheses and specialised equipment	Maximums apply	Refer to the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment. \$300 excess applies.
Cardiac surgery Surgeon's operating fee/s Anaesthetist's fee/s Intensivist's fee	\$100,000 per operation	Performed by a Specialist or Affiliated Provider contracted for that healthcare service in an approved facility .
Perfusionist's charges Hospital fees		Including bypass machine supplies and off-bypass cardiac stabilisation consumables.
Surgically implanted prostheses and specialised equipment	Maximums apply	Refer to the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment .
		\$300 excess applies.

^{*}See the chart on page 6 for how your refund will be calculated.

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Cardiac	Coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG), valve replacement, valvuloplasty, Bentall's procedure, coronar angiogram and/or angioplasty, electrophysiology studies, ablation of cardiac arrhythmias, percutaneous patent foramen ovale (PFO) closure, percutaneous atrial septal defect (ASD) closure, transcatheter aortic valve implantation/replacement (TAVI/TAVR), left atrial appendage occlusion.
Gastroenterology	Gastroscopy, colonoscopy, balloon enteroscopy, wireless pH capsule and wireless capsule endoscopy, endoscopic ultrasound, contrain biofeedback and electrostimulation for faecal incontinence, sacral nerve stimulation for faecal incontinence (no reimbursement will be made towards the cost of the stimulation device used to treat faecal incontinence).
General surgery	
Cholecystectomy	Open and laparoscopic cholecystectomy.
Hernia	Femoral, hiatus, inguinal and umbilical hernia repair.
Skin lesion removal	Excision, biopsy, cryotherapy, curettage and diathermy of skin lesions (when performed without anaesthetic or under local anaesthetic cover is limited to \$7,500 per claims year), Mohs surgery including excision and closure.
Interventional radiology	Percutaneous medial branch thermal radiofrequency neurotomy (cover is limited to 2 procedures per lifetime).
Lung and chest	Microwave ablation of lung tumours, endoscopic ultrasound.
Neurosurgery	Endoscopic third ventriculostomy.
Ophthalmology	Posterior vitrectomy, entropion and ectropion repair, upper eyelid blepharoplasty, correction of ptosis, removal of tarsal cyst, probing/syringing of lacrimal passage, bleb needling, minor eyelid surgery, cataract surgery (cover is limited to the surgical insertion of a standard monofocal intraocular lens only, there is no cover for the additional cost of any other type of surgically implanted intraocular lens or associated costs), excision of pterygium, excision of pinguecula, YAG laser capsulotomy, laser iridotomy, laser iridoplasty, laser trabeculoplasty, cyclodiode laser cyclophotocoagulation, photocoagulation of the retina, pan retinal laser, macular laser, corneal crosslinking, intravitreal injections (cover for drug costs is limited to \$100 per injection regardless of the type of drug used).
Oral and maxillofacial	Tooth extraction.
Orthopaedic	Primary total knee joint replacement, primary partial (hemi) knee joint replacement, primary total hip joint replacement, carpal tunnel release, radiofrequency ablation of benign bone lesions, synthetic ligament repair and reconstruction.
Otolaryngology	
Ear	Insertion and/or removal of grommets in theatre, aural toilet, KTP laser mastoidectomy, KTP laser revision mastoidectomy, KTP laser tympanoplasty, KTP laser second look tympanoplasty, KTP laser middle ear adhesiolysis, KTP laser stapedectomy, KTP laser medial canalplasty, and KTP laser myringotomy.
Nose	Balloon sinuplasty, endoscopic modified Lothrop, functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS), septoplasty, nasal cautery.
Throat	Adenoidectomy, tonsillectomy, laser treatment for pharyngeal, laryngeal and oesophageal conditions, transoral robotic surgery.
Urology	Resection of bladder tumour, ureteroscopy, laparoscopic renal cryotherapy, circumcision, nephrectomy, robotic partial nephrectomy.
Prostate	Laparoscopic prostatectomy, prostate brachytherapy, external beam radiotherapy, prostate cryotherapy, radical retropubic prostatectomy, perineal prostatectomy, transurethral resection of prostate (TURP), open enucleation of prostate, laser resection of prostate, robotic assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy, prostate biopsy.
Vascular	Peripheral angiogram and/or angioplasty, varicose vein (legs) treatment via endovenous laser treatment, ultrasound guided sclerotherapy, varicose vein surgery, endovenous radiofrequency (RF) ablation, duplex vein mapping, (cover is limited to 2 varicose vein procedures per leg per lifetime), superficial vascular malformation sclerotherapy and embolisation – simple (cover is limited to 2 procedures per vascular

^{*}See the chart on page 6 for how your refund will be calculated.

malformation per lifetime).

HEALTHCARE SERVICE	MAXIMUM*	OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS
SURGICAL ALLOWANCES	Eligibility criteria may apply	
Gastric banding/bypass allowance	\$7,200 per lifetime	After 3 years of continuous cover on this plan.
		Payable on receipt of a medical report by a Specialist prior to surgery.
		This allowance includes any subsequent treatment that may be required.
		Specialist consultations and diagnostic imaging must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
Bilateral breast reduction	\$4,700 per lifetime	After 3 years of continuous cover on this plan.
allowance		Payable on receipt of a medical report by a Specialist prior to surgery.
		This allowance includes 1 surgical procedure and any subsequent treatment that may be required.
		Specialist consultations and diagnostic imaging must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
Post mastectomy allowance to achieve breast symmetry	\$2,200 per lifetime	Payable on receipt of a medical report by a Specialist prior to surgery.
		This allowance includes 1 surgical procedure and any subsequent treatment that may be required.
		Specialist consultations and diagnostic imaging must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
Overseas treatment allowance	\$9,700 per claims year	Reimbursement of medical expenses for approved treatment not available in the public or private sector within New Zealand. The treatment must be recommended by a Specialist. Southern Cross must approve the treatment based on a medical report you provide before treatment takes place. Ordinary policy exclusions apply. No reimbursement for accommodation or travel.
CANCER CARE	Eligibility criteria may apply.	
Chemotherapy treatment	\$60,000 per claims year	Must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
	Maximum also includes reimbursement of the actual cost up to \$10,000 per claims year for non-Pharmac approved MedSafe indicated chemotherapy drugs.	Unless you are advised otherwise by Southern Cross and/or your Affiliated Provider we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your Affiliated Provider up to the \$60,000 per claims year maximum. Please note that not all procedures are available from all Affiliated Providers or in all areas.
		Includes cost of materials and chemotherapy drugs , hospital accommodation in a single room and ancillary hospital charges .
		\$300 excess per claims year applies to the first claim only.
Radiotherapy	Unlimited	Must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
		Unless you are advised otherwise by Southern Cross and/or your Affiliated Provider we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your Affiliated Provider .
		Please note not all procedures are available from all Affiliated Providers or in all areas, and that a limited range of radiotherapy treatments are funded. This benefit is inclusive of any radiotherapy planning and radiation treatment (does not include cover for initial or follow-up Specialist consultations, drugs, other healthcare services, or follow up imaging).
		\$300 excess per claims year applies to the first claim only.

HEALTHCARE SERVICE	MAXIMUM*	OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS
RECOVERY	The preceding related surgical treatment must have been eligible for cover under your policy.	
Post-operative home nursing	\$175 per day up to \$2,800 per claims year	After 1 year of continuous cover on this plan.
	por ordinio year	Post-operative home nursing commencing within 14 days of related eligible surgical treatment or cancer care and performed by a Nurse on the referral of a Specialist in private practice.
Post-operative speech and language therapy	\$70 per visit up to \$350 per claims year	Treatment by a speech and language therapist registered with the New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association, on the referral of a Specialist in private practice.
		Must be performed within 6 months of related eligible surgical treatment or cancer care.
Post-operative physiotherapy	\$60 per visit up to \$300 per claims year	Treatment by a physiotherapist registered with the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand.
		Includes cover for treatment by a hand therapist registered with the New Zealand Association of Hand Therapists.
		Must be performed within 6 months of related eligible surgical treatment or cancer care.
SUPPORT		
Ambulance allowance	\$180 per claims year	For emergency transportation to a public facility.
Travel and accommodation allowance	\$500 per claims year	For when private treatment is not available in your home town or city and you have to travel more than 100km from home to receive an eligible healthcare service. Allowance payable to cover the person covered by the policy receiving the eligible healthcare service and a support person. Allowance payable for public transport costs (includes buses, trains, taxis, shuttles, planes and ferries) and hotel/motel rooms (or hospital rooming fees for the support person) within New Zealand only. No cover for car hire, mileage or petrol costs.
Parent accommodation allowance	\$100 per night up to \$500 per operation	For hospital accommodation expenses incurred by a parent when accompanying a dependant child . Both parent and child must be listed on the Membership Certificate .
		Accommodation must be in an approved facility.
Public hospital cash allowance	\$50 per night up to \$2,400 per claims year	For overnight admissions in a public facility. Admission must not relate to a policy exclusion . A copy of the hospital discharge summary must accompany the claim.

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DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING – MUST BE PERFORMED BY AN AFFILIATED PROVIDER

All diagnostic imaging must be performed by an **Affiliated Provider** and meet applicable **eligibility criteria**. Unless you are advised otherwise by **Southern Cross** and/or your **Affiliated Provider**, we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your **Affiliated Provider** up to the \$10,000 per claims year (in total) listed below. Please be aware that not all procedures are available from all Affiliated Providers or in

\$50 excess per scan applies to each benefit in this section.

\$10,000 per claims year (in total) for all diagnostic imaging:

Excludes x-rays performed by a dentist or chiropractor. X-ray

Ultrasound Excludes obstetrics and varicose veins (legs) treatment.

Mammography

Digital breast tomosynthesis

Nuclear scanning (scintigraphy)

Myocardial perfusion scan Must be referred by a **Specialist** in private practice.

CT angiogram

CT coronary angiogram Must be referred by a **Specialist** in private practice.

MR angiogram Must be referred by a **Specialist** in private practice.

Computed Axial Tomography (CT scan) Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) must be referred

by a Specialist in private practice.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI scan) Must be referred by a **Specialist** in private practice.

Positron Emission Tomography / Must be referred by a **Specialist** in private practice. Cover is limited to specific diagnosed cancers and cardiac conditions. Computed Tomography (PET/CT)

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TESTS		\$50 excess applies per test to all Tests benefits. Eligibility criteria may apply.	
Cardiac tests	\$5,000 per claims year (in total)	On referral by a Specialist in private practice.	

ALL CARDIAC TESTS MUST BE PERFORMED BY AN AFFILIATED PROVIDER

All cardiac tests must be performed by an **Affiliated Provider** and meet applicable **eligibility criteria**. Unless you are advised otherwise by **Southern Cross** and/or your **Affiliated Provider**, we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your **Affiliated Provider** up to the \$5,000 per **claims year** (in total) listed above. Please be aware that not all procedures are available from all **Affiliated Providers** or in all areas.

The following cardiac tests are covered under this benefit:

Advanced electrocardiogram (A-ECG)

Dobutamine stress echocardiogram

Echocardiogram

Exercise ECG

Holter monitoring

Stress echocardiogram

Transoesophageal echocardiogram (TOE)

Resting ECG

Diagnostic tests \$3,000 per claims year On referral by a Specialist in private practice and in an approved facility.

For a list of all diagnostic tests covered under this benefit please see the definition of diagnostic tests on page 32.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS THAT MUST BE PERFORMED BY AN AFFILIATED PROVIDER

The following diagnostic tests must be performed by an Affiliated Provider and meet applicable eligibility criteria. Unless you are advised otherwise by Southern Cross and/or your Affiliated Provider, we will pay 100% of the amount charged by your Affiliated Provider up to the \$3,000 per claims year (in total) listed above. Please be aware that not all procedures are available from all Affiliated Providers or in all areas.

Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring

Breath nitric oxide test

Corneal topography

Fundus fluorescein angiography

Fundus photography

GDx Retinal scanning

Heidelberg Retinal Tomography (HRT)

Intraocular pressure test (IOP)

Matrix screen

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Optic disc photos

Visual fields

Retinal photography

CONSULTATIONS	\$50 excess per consultation applies to all Consultations benefits. Eligibility criteria may apply.	
Specialist consultations	\$5,000 per claims year	Must be performed by an Affiliated Provider .
	(in total)	Excludes psychiatrist consultations.
Psychiatrist consultations	\$750 per claims year	Must be performed by an Affiliated Provider vocationally registered in psychiatry.
Dietitian consultations	\$100 per consultation up to \$500 per claims year	Consultations with a dietitian registered with the New Zealand Dietitian Board. On referral by a Specialist in private practice.

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NON-SURGICAL TREATMENT		
Non-surgical hospitalisation	\$60,000 per claims year (in total) for the following:	For non-surgical treatment in a hospital performed by or on referral of a Specialist or Affiliated Provider in private practice and in an approved facility (does not include cover for consultations, imaging and tests).
		Excludes long term care , accommodation following surgery, rehabilitation, geriatric care, hospice respite and convalescent care, psychiatric hospitalisation and the cost of non-Pharmac approved drugs.
		\$300 excess applies.
Hospital accommodation	\$700 per night or day stay	Single room, excludes suites.
Ancillary hospital charges	\$200 per claims year	
Psychiatric hospitalisation	\$3,500 per claims year (in total) for the following:	For admission and care by a Specialist vocationally registered in psychiatry in an approved facility .
		\$300 excess applies per admission.
Hospital accommodation	\$700 per night or day stay	
Ancillary hospital charges	\$200 per claims year	
Allergy services	\$750 per claims year	Must be provided by or under the care of an Affiliated Provider or a General Practitioner who has an Easy-claim agreement with us. Covers allergy related services including, allergy testing and desensitisation.
		Excludes consultations and the cost of non-Pharmac approved drugs.
		\$50 excess applies per healthcare service .
DAY-TO-DAY TREATMENT		
General Practitioner consultations and prescriptions	\$100 per claims year	Treatment and consultations (including dressings, acupuncture and ECG) by a General Practitioner , or charges for prescription drugs prescribed by a General Practitioner .
		Excludes the cost of non-Pharmac approved drugs.

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OPTIONAL COVER

Cancer Assist Benefit Summary - financial support should you have a confirmed cancer diagnosis

Supplement the benefits already included in this **policy** by adding Cancer Assist.

Cancer Assist provides you with a one-off payment if you are diagnosed with a qualifying cancer. You can use this payment for whatever you need, for example additional non-Pharmac approved drugs, alternative treatment not covered by this policy, mortgage payments or travel. You can choose the following maximums:

- \$20,000
- \$50,000
- \$100,000
- \$200,000 • \$300,000

We will pay you the applicable Cancer Assist maximum selected if:

- · you have a confirmed cancer diagnosis;
- the cancer is not excluded by the Cancer Assist policy exclusions, including, but not limited to those cancers specifically listed on your Cancer Assist Certificate;
- · you are still alive 14 days after your confirmed cancer diagnosis. This period of 14 days will be increased by 1 day for every day you are kept alive on a life support system;
- · your confirmed cancer diagnosis (or related health condition symptom, sign or event) first occurs at least 3 months after your Cancer Assist policy start date or the date you increase your Cancer Assist maximum;
- · your Southern Cross health insurance policy and Cancer Assist policy are active and premiums are up to date; and
- · all terms and conditions of the policy are met.

For a copy of the Cancer Assist policy document, including full terms and conditions, please go to southerncross.co.nz/plans or contact us.

Exclusions

No reimbursement or payment shall be made for any costs incurred in relation to, or as a consequence of, any of the following:

- Pre-existing conditions including but not limited to those conditions specifically set out in your Membership Certificate;
- Unapproved healthcare services which are specific drugs, devices, techniques, tests and/or other healthcare services that have not been approved by Southern Cross prior to treatment. Please see the list of unapproved healthcare services at southerncross.co.nz/unapprovedservices;
- Acute care:
- Appliances or equipment (surgical, medical or dental) for example CPAP machines, crutches;
- Breast reduction except as specifically provided by the bilateral breast reduction allowance;
- · Chronic conditions;
- Congenital conditions except for umbilical hernia, inguinal hernia, undescended testes, hydrocele, tongue tie, phimosis and squint;
- Contraception or intrauterine devices except for Mirena when used for medical reasons and approved by us prior to treatment;
- Correction of refractive visual errors or astigmatism by surgery, surgically implanted intraocular lens(es), or laser treatment;
- · Dementia;
- Diagnosis, management and treatment of developmental or congenital deformities or abnormalities of the facial skeleton and associated structures;
- Gender reassignment and directly related healthcare services;
- Gynaecomastia;
- Health screening except as specifically provided by mammography (under diagnostic imaging) and colonoscopy (under gastroenterology in Affiliated Provider surgical treatment) benefits;

- Healthcare services performed by a dentist, periodontist, endodontist or orthodontist;
- Healthcare services provided at a public facility directly or indirectly controlled by a DHB unless specifically accepted in writing by Southern Cross prior to treatment;
- Healthcare services provided by a person who is not a health services provider as defined on page 32 of this policy document;
- Healthcare services provided in relation to, or as a consequence of, any accident or treatment injury except as specifically provided on page 12 of this policy document;
- Healthcare services provided outside New Zealand except as specifically provided by the overseas treatment allowance;
- Healthcare services relating to the management and treatment of snoring and/or upper airways resistance;
- Healthcare services that are not approved treatment;
- Healthcare services using technology such as digital computer images to aid in the monitoring and diagnosis of skin cancers and other skin lesions for example, mole mapping;
- HIV, HIV disorders including AIDS, and any medical condition that arises in any way from HIV infection;
- Hospital charges of a personal convenience nature for example, newspapers, spouse/family meals, alcohol, TV rental;
- Implantation of teeth and/or titanium dental implants;
- Infertility or assisted reproduction;
- Injury, illness, condition or disability arising from, or caused or contributed to by, substance abuse, intoxication or drug taking whether prescribed or recreational:
- Injury or disability suffered as a result of war or any act of war, declared or undeclared, or of active duty in the military, naval or air forces of any country or international authority, or as a direct or indirect result of terrorism;

- Long term care including geriatric in-patient care and disability support services;
- Maintenance examinations, medical checkups or any examination required for a third party (including preparation of reports) for example physical examinations for life insurance, travel insurance and driver licence:
- Mental health healthcare services except as specifically provided by the psychiatrist consultation and psychiatric hospitalisation benefits;
- Obesity except as specifically provided by the gastric banding/ bypass allowance;
- Organ transplants, transfusions/injections of autologous blood/blood products (except cellsaver when related to eligible surgical treatment), autologous chondrocyte implantations and stem cell transplants, including related expenses for both donors and recipients;
- · Pathology and laboratory tests;
- · Pregnancy and childbirth;
- Prophylactic healthcare services unless approved by Southern Cross prior to treatment;
- Prostheses, specialised equipment and consumables or donor tissue preparation charges except as specifically listed in the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment;
- Respite and convalescent care;
- Robotic assisted surgery except as specifically provided by the robotic prostatectomy, robotic partial nephrectomy and transoral robotic surgery benefits;
- · Self-inflicted illness or injury;
- Sterilisation (or its reversal);

- Subsequent breast reconstruction surgery unless completed within 2 years of the first eligible breast reconstruction surgery (following an eligible mastectomy);
- Surgery designed to assist or allow the implementation of orthodontic healthcare services;
- Surgically implanted lens(es) other than monofocal lens(es);
- Termination of pregnancy;
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health;
- · Vaccinations.

Administrative information

In this section, when we say you/your we refer to the policyholder.

Who is responsible for my policy?

As the **policyholder** you are ultimately responsible for this policy, for making any changes to it and ensuring the premium is paid. We rely on you to provide complete and accurate information about yourself and your dependants. Your dependants can perform certain functions in respect to the **policy** however you remain responsible for their acts and omissions.

When does my policy commence?

This policy commences on the policy start date. The policy anniversary date is the anniversary of the policy start date. The policy anniversary date is the same for all persons listed on the Membership Certificate as covered by the policy regardless of the original date of joining. If you change in any way the frequency or the manner in which you pay your premiums under the policy, then the policy year may be reset to start on the date of such change. The new policy anniversary date will be the anniversary of the date of the change.

If your policy is provided through a work scheme or association scheme, your policy anniversary date, however, is aligned to that of your scheme. This could mean that your first policy anniversary date may take place less than 12 months after the policy start date. However, from this time, the **policy anniversary date** will fall every 12 months unless changes are made to the scheme or you leave the scheme.

Where will Southern Cross send communications about my policy?

All policyholders registered for My Southern Cross will receive the majority of communications electronically, unless they choose otherwise, and will be notified of the availability of these communications by email. For communications received electronically via My Southern Cross, notice shall be considered to be delivered on the day email notification is sent. If the policyholder is not registered for My Southern Cross, unless the policyholder tells us otherwise, or unless the policyholder can no longer be contacted at the policyholder's last known address, we will send every notice or other communication required to be sent by Southern Cross relating to the policyholder, this policy, or any **dependant**, to the **policyholder** at the last known address and such notice shall be considered to have been delivered 3 days after having been posted.

The policyholder must immediately notify Southern Cross of any change of postal, residential or email address or update these details in My Southern Cross. Where the **policyholder** can no longer be contacted at the last known address and has not provided **Southern** Cross with an up to date address, we will cease to send notices or other communications to the policyholder at that address until they notify us of an up to date address. In these circumstances, the **policyholder** acknowledges and agrees that Southern Cross will be deemed to have satisfied its requirements regarding the sending of these notices or communications.

When can I add dependants on to my policy?

You can add **dependants** onto the **policy** at any time, excluding children aged 21 years or older. You will need to complete a medical declaration for the **dependant** being added. We will determine whether we will cover any pre-existing conditions disclosed on the medical declaration. Cover will commence on the date the dependant was added to your policy.

If you wish to add a newborn **child**, the application must be submitted within 3 months of birth. Provided you have held your **policy** for more than 3 months at the date of application, the child will have cover for pre-existing conditions as long as they are not excluded under the general terms of this **policy** or are not **congenital** conditions or chronic conditions excluded under the exclusions section of this policy document. Cover will commence on the date the **child** was added to your **policy**.

If you have not held your **policy** for more than 3 months at the date of application or don't add the newborn child before he or she is 3 months old, you will have to complete a medical declaration for the child and we will determine whether we will cover any pre-existing conditions disclosed on the medical declaration.

Premiums for **dependants** added will be charged from the date of the addition of the **dependant** as part of your normal billing cycle. You are responsible for payment of premiums in respect of any dependant added to the policy.

How long can my adult children stay on my policy?

Your children are charged at the **child's** rate until they reach 21 years of age. On reaching 21 the premiums payable in respect of your children will be based on their age but they can remain on your policy. Adult children will automatically remain on your policy unless you,

your work scheme or association scheme specifically request us to remove them.

If you wish to remove them from your **policy**, and they would like to continue cover with **Southern Cross**, they should apply for their own **Southern Cross** membership.

If they apply for the same level of cover as they had under your **policy** and they apply within 1 month of being removed from your **policy** they will not need to complete a new medical declaration.

How do I remove dependants from my policy?

The removal of a dependant can take place at any time – you should request to remove the dependant in writing or by calling Southern Cross. It is the responsibility of the policyholder to remove dependants from the policy where the circumstances change so that the policyholder no longer requires the dependant to be covered by the policy (for example, following a marital separation or a death).

You should note that if a **dependant** is removed from the **policy** and subsequently added back on, you will have to complete a new medical declaration for them. They will not have cover for **pre-existing conditions** existing prior to the date they are added back on to your **policy**.

When can I change my cover? Can I upgrade or downgrade my policy?

You can upgrade or downgrade your **policy** at any time by contacting **Southern Cross**. The change will take effect from the date we advise. Upgrading or downgrading your **policy** can affect your cover for **pre-existing conditions**, **annual limits**, excesses, loyalty periods and premiums so it is important you discuss your proposed changes with us to fully understand the implications of upgrading or downgrading your **policy**.

In particular you should note:

- to upgrade your policy you will be required to complete a new medical declaration in relation to yourself and all dependants;
- if you upgrade or downgrade your policy any pre-existing condition exclusions affecting you or any dependant will remain;
- if you upgrade or downgrade your policy the claims year and excess for you and each dependant will start over again from the date of the upgrade or downgrade.

Southern Cross can decline a request for an upgrade or downgrade (or the addition or removal of a module)

if it appears the member is seeking to manipulate their cover or take advantage of **Southern Cross** by making such a change.

What is a claims year and how do annual limits work?

You and all of your dependants have the same claims year regardless of when a particular person was added to the policy. Annual limits applicable to SureCare Concessionary last for the duration of a claims year and revert to their maximum levels at the start of each claims year. If any dependant is added to the policy part way through a claims year that dependant will have the same annual limits as the people covered under the policy from the start of the claims year.

Annual limits cannot be carried over from 1 claims year to the next, nor can they be transferred to other people covered under the policy.

A claim is allocated against the **annual limit** based on the date when the **healthcare services** are provided, and not the date of the invoice or the date a claim is submitted.

You should note that in relation to some healthcare services, in addition to an annual limit there are other policy limits. These limits are all set out in the Coverage Tables and the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment.

How does Southern Cross calculate 'continuous cover' for some of the elements of cover?

'Continuous cover' means that the person covered by the policy must have had no break in cover for the particular healthcare service in this plan to which the continuous cover qualification relates for the specified minimum period. Periods when the policy is suspended in relation to that person while that person is travelling overseas count as part of continuous cover. However, if that person is a dependant who is taken off the policy for any period and then added back on, then that will break the period of continuous cover.

I am going to travel overseas for a while, can I suspend my policy until I return?

It is possible to suspend cover under the policy in respect of you or any of your **dependants**, for overseas travel on 3 separate occasions over the lifetime of your policy, and your policy can be suspended for up to 5 years (60 months) in total.

There are certain conditions that apply as set out below.

Each of these conditions relates personally to the policyholder or each dependant who is travelling, and wishing to suspend their cover:

- you or your dependant must request suspension in writing before leaving New Zealand;
- you or your **dependant** must have been covered by the policy for at least 12 continuous months up to the date the suspension is to take effect;
- any single period of suspension must be for a minimum of 2 months, and be for no more than 3 years (36 months);
- you or your dependant can each suspend cover up to 3 times per lifetime only;
- you or your dependant must be continuously covered under the policy for a period of 12 months between the end of the last suspension and the commencement date of the next suspension.

If you or your **dependant** are leaving New Zealand for a period greater than 36 months, contact us to discuss the options available to you.

What happens to my policy if I give Southern Cross incomplete, false or misleading information?

For non-disclosure or misrepresentation of a pre-existing condition we will add such condition to your **Membership Certificate** and may decline any related claim.

We may cancel this **policy** on written notice to you for any other non-disclosure, misrepresentation, fraud or material breach of the terms of the policy by you or any dependant and/or we may take legal action against you and/or your dependant (as applicable).

Before we cancel your **policy** for any of the reasons set out above:

- (a) we will notify you in writing of the reasons why we are considering cancellation; and
- (b) you will have not less than 7 days to provide any written response you wish to be considered by us before we make our decision.

If you are unhappy with our decision to cancel you may consider the matter deadlocked and refer it to the Insurance & Financial Services Ombudsman in accordance with the relevant complaints procedure.

How do I cancel my policy?

If you are joining **Southern Cross** for the first time and are not satisfied with the **policy** during the first 14 days after the date you have received this policy document and your Membership Certificate, you can cancel the policy and we will provide a full refund of all premiums paid. You can only do this if you have not made a claim under the policy during this period. If you wish to cancel the **policy** within the 14 day period please contact us.

You can cancel your **policy** at any other time but if you do so you will not be entitled to a refund of any premium already paid to us and you will remain liable for premium due up to the date the cancellation takes effect.

Nothing in this **policy** limits or affects any rights you or any **dependant** may have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993.

What if I forget to pay my premium?

If you or your employer do not pay your premiums we will be unable to issue prior approval or pay claims under your policy.

If you or your employer don't pay premiums for 3 months or more, we will cancel your policy.

Your regulatory protection

PRIVACY STATEMENT

As a member of **Southern Cross**, your privacy is very important to us. We value the trust you place in us to handle your personal and health information the right way.

Our Privacy Statement sets out how we will do this, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993 and the Health Information Privacy Code 1994. During the course of our relationship with you, we may also tell you more about how we will handle your information, for example when you make a claim.

How does Southern Cross use your information?

You authorise us to use information about you for the following purposes:

- to consider your eligibility for cover under the policy;
- to consider the specific terms applying to the **policy** (including any **pre-existing conditions**)
- to administer the **policy** and your membership with the Society including general meetings
- to consider whether any healthcare service is eligible for cover under the policy and
- to process, investigate and review any claims made and/or paid (including historical claims).

You also authorise us to use information about you for the following additional purposes:

- to contact you from time to time, including within a reasonable time of you ceasing to be covered by the policy, with information about products and services relating to us, other 'Southern Cross' branded businesses, and our trusted business partners
- to prevent, detect and investigate any fraud including where in our reasonable opinion we suspect any fraud
- to conduct analysis and research in relation to the above purposes and
- where permitted or required by law.

Who may Southern Cross collect your information from?

You authorise us to collect information about you for the above purposes, directly from you, or from:

- the **policyholder** (eg directly from the **policyholder** via the application form and claim form)
- the husband / wife or partner of the policyholder (provided they are covered by the policy)

- a previous Southern Cross health insurance or Critical Illness policy (including previous application(s), Membership Certificate(s) and or claims)
- health services providers (including Affiliated Providers), approved facilities, and medical authorities (including ACC and Ministry of Health)
- 'Southern Cross' branded businesses and our trusted business partners
- the adviser associated with the policy
- the Group Administrator, if the policyholder is part
 of a work scheme or association scheme for the
 purpose of administering premiums (if applicable) and
 verifying the policyholder's eligibility to be part of the
 work scheme or association scheme (excluding the
 collection of health information) and
- any other third party authorised by the policyholder or adult dependant.

You also authorise the disclosure of such information by such parties for any of the above purposes.

Please note that we generally record inbound and outbound telephone calls we have with you for operational and training purposes.

Who may Southern Cross disclose your information to?

You authorise us to disclose information about you for the above purposes, directly to you, or to:

- the policyholder
- the husband / wife or partner of the policyholder (provided they are covered by the policy)
- relevant health services providers (including Affiliated Providers), approved facilities and medical authorities
- any third party authorised by the policyholder or adult dependant
- the adviser associated with the **policy** (including disclosure of health information)
- the Group Administrator if the policyholder is part of a work scheme or association scheme for the purpose of administering premiums (if applicable), including the disclosure of premium information about any dependants on the policy (if applicable), and verifying the policyholder's eligibility to be part of the work scheme or association scheme (excluding the disclosure of health information)

- other 'Southern Cross' branded businesses and our trusted business partners (for example, suppliers of services such as mailing houses, research and insight agencies, and information technology) and
- any other party in accordance with the law.

Any disclosure of your personal and/or health information will only be for the purposes set out above under 'How may Southern Cross use your information'.

All communications from us relating to you, whether or not you are the policyholder, will be sent to the policyholder. This means that your personal and health information will always be disclosed to the policyholder, including when you make a claim, and you authorise this disclosure.

Is your information secure?

We take all reasonable steps to make sure your personal and health information is kept safe from loss, unauthorised access, modification or disclosure and/ or misuse in accordance with our obligations under the Privacy Act and Health Information Privacy Code.

How can you access and correct your information?

You are entitled to have access to and request correction of any of your personal information or health information held by us. To access and correct your information please contact us.

We do our best to ensure that the information about you that we collect, store, use or disclose is accurate, complete and up to date. Prompt notification of any changes to your contact details will help us to do this. If we do not have your correct contact details we may not be able to provide you with important information about your policy.

From time to time Southern Cross may send you marketing and other information electronically such as by email or text message. If you have provided your email address or mobile phone number we take this as your implied consent to us doing this. If you wish to withdraw your consent at any time please contact us.

If you do not provide us with your information, what then?

If the information provided to us is not accurate or complete we may not be able to process the application or claim, or it may result in us not being able to provide you with cover until such information is provided. The consequences of providing incomplete, false or misleading information are set out in your policy

Need more information?

If you have any queries about how we handle your personal and health information, or our Privacy Statement, please contact us.

Your information is collected and held by Southern Cross Medical Care Society, Level 1, Ernst & Young Building, 2 Takutai Square, Auckland 1010.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Southern Cross is a Qualifying Financial Entity (QFE). We take responsibility for any financial advice our staff and advisers provide on the Southern Cross range of health insurance products. We are licensed and regulated by the Financial Markets Authority for that financial advice. For more information and a copy of our disclosure statement please visit southerncross.co.nz/disclosure-statement.

INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS

Southern Cross is registered as a Friendly Society and is a member of the Health Funds Association of New Zealand, the Insurance & Financial Services Ombudsman scheme and the International Federation of Health Plans. We are bound by any industry code issued by the Health Funds Association of New Zealand.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you are unhappy with our service, our treatment of your policy or your membership of Southern Cross, you can follow the process outlined below.

Is your complaint about financial Is your complaint about Is your complaint about advice, a claim or benefit our decision to cancel your your membership of entitlement? **Southern Cross?** policy? Your complaint is deemed to be 'deadlocked'. Contact us on 0800 800 181 or Refer to the Rules of southerncross.co.nz. Southern Cross which We will refer your complaint outline a process to to the appropriate part of resolve membership Southern Cross. disputes. You can get a copy of the Rules from southerncross.co.nz/rules or by calling us. Still not satisfied? You can write to: Head of Member Services Southern Cross Health Society Private Bag 99934 Newmarket Auckland 1149 Still not resolved? You can write to the Insurance & Your complaint has reached Financial Services Ombudsman deadlock.

(Ombudsman) which is a free and independent service.

You must write to the Ombudsman within 3 months of being notified by us in writing that deadlock has been reached. You can find out more information on the Ombudsman at ifso.nz.

The Ombudsman's address is: Insurance & Financial Services Ombudsman PO Box 10 845 Wellington 6143

Glossary of terms

For explanations of medical terminology please look at the Medical Terms Glossary at southerncross.co.nz/society or contact us.

Some terms used in this **policy** document have been explained as they arose. Other terms are defined below:

ACC means the Accident Compensation Corporation referred to in the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (or its successor).

Accident means an accident as defined in the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (or its successor).

Acute care means care provided in response to a sign, symptom, condition or disease that requires immediate treatment or monitoring.

Adult means a person 21 years of age and over.

Affiliated Provider means a health services provider who has entered into a contract with Southern Cross to provide certain healthcare services at agreed prices.

Allowance means the fixed amount that we will contribute towards the cost of certain eligible healthcare services as specified in the Coverage Tables.

Ancillary hospital charges means anaesthetic supplies, dressings, drugs (which are prescribed and taken in hospital), intravenous fluids, and irrigating solutions, used whilst the member is hospitalised for an eligible healthcare service.

Annual limit(s) means the maximum amount in respect of any one person that can be reimbursed in any 1 claims year.

Approved facility means a certified private facility or other healthcare facility approved by Southern Cross.

Approved treatment means a healthcare service that is necessary for treatment of the health condition involved, is not experimental or unorthodox, and is widely accepted professionally as effective, appropriate and essential based upon recognised standards of the healthcare specialty involved.

Certified private facility means a private surgical or medical facility certified as such by the Ministry of Health.

Chemotherapy drugs means prescription medicines, biologics and immunotherapy medicines for the treatment of cancer or neoplastic disease, that are

prescribed or recommended by a registered oncologist or haematologist in private practice, Pharmac approved, and not otherwise excluded by the terms of your policy.

Child means a person under 21 years of age.

Chronic conditions means cystic fibrosis, polycystic kidney, marfans syndrome, Loeys-Dietz syndrome, spina bifida, scoliosis, kyphosis, pectus excavatum and pectus carinatum.

Claims anniversary date means the date 12 months following the date the policyholder started on the current plan and the anniversary each 12 months thereafter as specified on the current Membership Certificate.

Claims year means the first 12 months following the policy start date and each successive 12 month period from your claims anniversary date.

Complaints procedure means the complaints procedure and process available to you as set out on page 30.

Congenital condition(s) means congenital anomalies or defects which are present at birth and for which the policyholder or dependant had either:

- (a) signs or symptoms of the condition prior to the original date of joining, or
- (b) signs or symptoms of the condition within 3 months of birth, as reasonably determined by Southern Cross.

Continuous cover means that the person covered by the **policy** must have had no break in cover for the particular healthcare service in this plan to which the continuous cover qualification relates, for the specified

Cosmetic treatment means any surgery, procedure or treatment that improves, alters or enhances appearance, whether or not undertaken for medical, physical, functional, psychological or emotional reasons.

Coverage Table(s) means the table(s) set out on pages 15 to 22 of this policy document, and any subsequent changes we make to those Coverage Tables.

Dependant means the husband/wife or partner (including any former husband/wife or partner) of the policyholder and any child and or any adult dependant (including any stepchildren or adopted children) of the policyholder (or the policyholder's husband/wife or partner) who are listed on the Membership Certificate. Detrimental to health means a medical condition that is causing significant problems for the physical health of an individual.

DHB means a District Health Board established under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, or its successor.

Diagnostic tests means ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, ankle brachial index, anorectal physiology study (anorectal motility study), bone marrow aspiration, breath nitric oxide test, caloric reflex/ vestibular caloric stimulation test, colposcopy with biopsies (in rooms), compartment pressure study, corneal pachymetry test, corneal topography, electroencephalogram (EEG), electromyogram (EMC), electrooculogram, electroretinogram, endometrial biopsy (in rooms), full urodynamic assessment, fundus fluorescein angiography, fundus photography, GDx retinal scanning, H. pylori breath test, Heidelberg retinal tomography (HRT), hydrogen breath test, intraocular pressure test (IOP), laryngoscopy (in rooms), lumbar puncture, lung diffusion study, lung function test, matrix screen, nasendoscopy (in rooms), oesophageal 24hr pH monitoring (gastric function study), oesophageal manometry test, optic disc photos, optical coherence tomography (OCT), overnight pulse oximetry, proctoscopy, retinal photography, segmental pressure test, sigmoidoscopy (in rooms), simple urinary flow study, sleep study, specular microscopy test, spirometry with or without flow volume loops, ultrasounds of the eye, urea breath test, vascular laboratory testing, vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP), videonystagmography, visual evoked potential (VEP), visual fields, or vulvoscopy with or without biopsy (in rooms).

Disability support service(s) means support service(s) provided where a condition, disability or illness has been, or is likely to be, present for 6 months or more excluding surgical or medical treatment.

Drug(s) means subsidised prescription medicines (and non-subsidised diabetic test strips and needles only), that are Pharmac approved, and not otherwise excluded by the terms of your policy.

Easy-claim means Southern Cross Health Society Easy-claim which is made available to members via participating health services providers.

Eligibility criteria means any additional terms and conditions we put in place from time to time in respect to a particular procedure, the then current version of which will be available at southerncross.co.nz/ eligibilitycriteria or upon request.

Eligible means those private healthcare services which are:

- (a) covered under or listed in the Coverage Tables and comply with any applicable terms and conditions (including any eligibility criteria we may specify from time to time); and
- (b) approved treatment; and
- (c) performed in private practice by a health services provider with registration applicable to the healthcare service; and
- (d) a healthcare service for which costs are actually incurred or to be incurred; and
- (e) not otherwise excluded under the terms of your policy.

Exclusion(s) means conditions, treatments or situations that are not covered by this **policy**, as listed in this **policy** document and/or the Membership Certificate.

General Practitioner means a Medical Practitioner vocationally registered in General Practice or who has general or provisional general registration and is practising in general practice.

Health screening means diagnostic test(s), investigation(s) or consultation(s) in the absence of any sign or symptom suggesting the presence of the illness, disease or medical condition the screening is designed to detect.

Health services provider means a General Practitioner, Specialist or registered practising member of certain professions allied to medicine practising in private practice who we approve for the provision of healthcare services under this policy.

Healthcare service(s) means any private surgery or other procedure, treatment, investigation, diagnostic test, consultation or other private healthcare service including hospitalisation provided by a health services provider or an approved facility.

Hospital fees means hospital costs for accommodation (single room basis, excludes suites), operating theatre fees, anaesthetic supplies, intensive care and special in-hospital nursing, in-hospital x-rays and ECG, ancillary hospital charges, laparoscopic disposables and in-hospital post-operative physiotherapy.

Internal medicine means internal medicine, cardiology, clinical immunology, clinical pharmacology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, haematology, infectious diseases, medical oncology, nephrology, neurology, nuclear medicine, palliative medicine, respiratory medicine and rheumatology, as defined by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ).

Lifetime means the duration of a **policyholder** or **dependant's** relationship with **Southern Cross** whether or not continuous.

List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment means the document published by Southern Cross from time to time which details the prostheses, specialised equipment and consumables, donor tissue preparation charges and associated levels of cover provided under this policy, the latest copy of which is available at southerncross.co.nz/plans or by calling us.

Long term care means hospitalisation which is expected to last or lasts more than 90 days.

Medical Practitioner means a medical practitioner who has a current practising certificate, is practising in accordance with any restrictions placed on them by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ), is in private practice and whose scope of practise is relevant to the applicable healthcare service.

MedSafe means the New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority, a division of the Ministry of Health, responsible for the regulation of therapeutic products in New Zealand.

Membership Certificate is the document we issue to the policyholder from time to time which details the key dates in respect of the policy, the people covered and the level of cover and plans applicable, the policyholder's Southern Cross membership number, any specific exclusions from cover for pre-existing conditions applicable to the people covered under the policy known to Southern Cross at the date of issue of the certificate, and any other information specific to the policy.

Multiple procedures means two or more surgical procedures performed simultaneously, sequentially or under the same anaesthetic.

Nurse means a Nurse who is registered with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ), has a current practising certificate, is practising within their scope of practice and in accordance with any restrictions placed on them by the NCNZ.

Operation means all surgical procedures performed under one anaesthetic.

Original date of joining means the most recent date of joining Southern Cross for each person covered by the policy as shown on your Membership Certificate.

Pharmac means the Pharmaceutical Management Agency, a Crown entity established by the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 (or its successor).

Pharmac approved means any drug that is specifically identified by Pharmac on the Pharmac Schedule as being approved for subsidy by the Government for use in your particular treatment. In determining this, we may take into account any criteria, prescribing guidelines, rules, conditions and/or restrictions published by Pharmac.

Pharmac Schedule means the New Zealand
Pharmaceutical Schedule managed by Pharmac, which
lists prescription medicines and related products
subsidised by the Government.

Policy means the contract between Southern Cross and the policyholder. The policy comprises the Membership Certificate, this policy document (including any document that is incorporated by reference ie eligibility criteria), the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment and any amendment or variation made to them from time to time.

Policy anniversary date means:

- (a) in relation to a **policy** which is not part of a work scheme or association scheme, each anniversary of the **policy start date**, and is the date from which your **policy** will be renewed for the following year; and
- (b) in relation to a policy which is part of a work scheme or association scheme, the anniversary of the commencement date of the scheme under which your policy is provided and the date from which your policy will be renewed for the following year.

Policyholder means the person in whose name the **policy** is issued and who is responsible for the payment of premiums and to whom claims relating to the policyholder and any **dependants** are paid.

Policy limits means in relation to any eligible healthcare service the maximum amount payable by Southern Cross per operation, per procedure, per item, per day, per lifetime, or as an annual limit as specified in the Coverage Tables and List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment, or as specified in our contract with an Affiliated Provider and advised to you by Southern Cross or your Affiliated Provider when you seek treatment.

Policy start date means the date your policy commences as shown on your Membership Certificate.

Policy year means in relation to the first year of the policy the period from the policy start date to the first policy anniversary date and thereafter means the period from one policy anniversary date to the next.

Pre-existing condition means any health condition, sign, symptom or event occurring or existing:

- (a) in relation to the **policyholder** and each **dependant** named in the Application Form, before the **policy** start date; and
- (b) in relation to any **dependant** added to the **policy** after the **policy start date**, before the date the relevant **dependant** was added to the **policy**; and
- (c) in relation to any upgrade after the **original date of joining**, before the date of upgrading;

where the **policyholder** or the **dependant** was aware, or ought reasonably to have been aware, of the health condition, sign, symptom or event.

Prophylactic healthcare services means healthcare service(s) provided in the absence of any relevant sign or symptom suggesting the presence of an illness, disease or medical condition, that seek to reduce or prevent the risk of an illness, disease or medical condition developing in the future.

Prostheses means surgically implanted items, specialised equipment and consumables and donor tissue preparation charges as set out in the List of Prostheses and Specialised Equipment.

Reasonable charges are charges for healthcare services that are determined as reasonable by us (acting reasonably) based on our review of our data.

Southern Cross means Southern Cross Medical Care Society trading as Southern Cross Health Society, having its registered office at Level 1 Ernst & Young Building, 2 Takutai Square, Auckland 1010.

Specialist means a **Medical Practitioner** who is vocationally registered in one of the following scopes:

- anaesthesia, cardiothoracic surgery, clinical genetics, dermatology, diagnostic & interventional radiology, general surgery, intensive care medicine, internal medicine, musculoskeletal medicine, neurosurgery, obstetrics & gynaecology, occupational medicine, ophthalmology, oral & maxillofacial surgery, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, paediatric surgery, paediatrics, pain medicine, palliative medicine, plastic & reconstructive surgery, psychiatry, radiation oncology, rehabilitation medicine, sexual health medicine, sport & exercise medicine, urology, vascular surgery, or
- has provisional vocational registration with the MCNZ and is under the supervision of a Medical Practitioner vocationally registered in one of the above scopes, or
- holds a special purpose (locum tenens) scope of practice with the MCNZ and is under the supervision of a Medical Practitioner vocationally registered in one of the above scopes, or
- is a **Medical Practitioner** who has been admitted to the Fellowship of the Australasian Society of Breast Physicians, or
- is an oral surgeon, oral medicine specialist or oral & maxillofacial surgeon registered with the Dental Council of New Zealand.

Treatment injury means a treatment injury as defined in the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (or its successor).

Unapproved healthcare services which are specific drugs, devices, techniques, tests and/or other healthcare services that have not been approved by Southern Cross prior to treatment. Please see the list of unapproved healthcare services at southerncross.co.nz/unapprovedservices.

Varicose vein procedures means unilateral endovenous laser treatment, unilateral ultrasound guided sclerotherapy, unilateral varicose vein surgery, or unilateral radiofrequency (RF) endovenous ablation. Where a policyholder or dependant has multiple varicose vein procedures during a single operation, these are counted as separate procedures for the purposes of the per leg per lifetime limit.

We/us/our means Southern Cross.

You/your means the policyholder and any dependant named on the Membership Certificate (unless otherwise specified).

Visit our website southerncross.co.nz/society or call us on 0800 800 181

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