

ANNEXURE I

ORTHOPAEDIC, SURGICAL AND MEDICAL APPLIANCES GUARDIAN OPTION

1. Orthopaedic, surgical, and medical appliances will be paid at 100 % of the cost as part of Major Medical Benefits, subject to pre-authorisation by the Principal Officer or his/her delegate.
2. In the case of benefit options where state hospital benefits are applicable, the limits and conditions are only applicable if the appliance is provided by a private supplier in a case where the state facility is unable to provide the appliance; unless it is for PMB then such appliance will be covered at 100% of cost in the above scenario.
3. The following conditions and limits shall be applicable to the appliances indicated in clause 4:
4. Limits applicable to certain appliances:

TYPE OF APPLIANCE	LIMIT PER APPLIANCE
1. Wheelchairs (subject to clinical criteria's) Non-motorised wheelchair Or Motorised wheelchair	R9 900 per beneficiary once every five (5) years
2. Hand prosthesis	R10 000 per beneficiary once every two (2) years
3. Arm prosthesis – Below elbow	R26 000 per beneficiary once every two (2) years
4. Arm prosthesis – Above elbow	R120 000 per beneficiary once every two (2) years
5. Above knee prosthesis	R150 000 per beneficiary once every two (2) years
6. Below knee prosthesis	R120 000 per beneficiary once every two (2) years
7. Silicone sleeve replacements for all artificial limbs	R20 000 per beneficiary once every year
8. Back brace following surgical procedures	R25 000 per beneficiary per year
9. Walking Aids	R2 660 per beneficiary per year
10. Hearing Aids: Applicable to both PMB and non-PMB diagnosis	R9 284 per beneficiary per ear once every three (3) years Hearing aid repairs: Part of hearing aid limit

5. Appliances not listed above will be paid at 100% of the cost only if specifically approved by the Principal Officer or his/her delegate.