

Information Sheet Understanding Medicare eligibility

Medicare provides eligible people access to low or no cost health services, including a range of outpatient medical costs, subsidised prescription medicines and care as a public patient in a public hospital.

Medicare eligibility

To be eligible for Medicare benefits you must meet Medicare eligibility criteria. Generally, this includes citizens and permanent residents of Australia, international visitors from countries with which Australia has a reciprocal health care agreement and those who can prove a relationship with a Medicare eligible person.

Obtaining Medicare benefits

If you have not already done so, you will need to register with Medicare in order to access Medicare benefits. Once you are registered with Medicare, contact nib straight away to organise a change to your cover.

Medicare and Private Health Insurance

nib is not permitted by law, to pay benefits towards outpatient treatments and services that are covered only by Medicare. This includes GP visits and specialist appointments. In order to continue receiving benefits from nib, it is important that you advise us as soon as there is a change in your Medicare status so we can ensure you have the correct cover.



You should always seek the advice of your tax advisor and Medicare to understand how changes in your Medicare eligibility can impact your taxes.

Please read this in conjunction with your product fact sheet and other relevant information that you would have received in your nib welcome email.



For questions relating to this fact sheet or for further information regarding your nib UnitedHealthcare Global cover, please contact us.

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