

Supplementary Insurance Conditions (ZVB) HOSPITAL ECO Supplementary Hospital Insurance

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General

1 Purpose

HOSPITAL ECO covers accommodation and treatment costs in the general ward of a hospital and provides contributions towards subsistence costs for inpatient acute and transitional care, balneotherapy and convalescent therapy, home nursing, household help and childcare services, as well as outpatient operations. The existence of medical necessity is the prerequisite for the payment of all benefits under this policy.

Benefits

2 Insurance cover

2.1 HOSPITAL ECO bears the costs for accommodation and treatment in the hospitals that fulfill the requirements according to Section 8.1 of the General Insurance Conditions (AVB). According to this principle, for hospitals not recorded in the cantonal planning and hospital lists pursuant to Article 39 of the Federal Health Insurance Act (KVG) benefits are granted from this insurance policy provided the insurer has concluded a KVG contract with the relevant hospital (Helsana KVG contract hospital).

The insurer keeps a list of the Helsana KVG contract hospitals, which provides information on the range of recognised benefits. This list is continuously updated and can be examined at the insurer's offices, or a copy can be requested.

2.2 HOSPITAL ECO covers, within the scope of the following conditions, the costs of an inpatient stay in a multiple-bed room in the general ward of a hospital.

2.3 If a hospital does not have any ward classifications or has different ward classifications, or if the rates for the general ward have not been recognised by the insurer, the conditions will be applied as if the insured person were to stay in the private ward of a hospital and the dispositions as in Section 6 ZVB apply.

2.4 The insurer keeps a list of those hospitals which have no private, semi-private or general wards within the meaning of the conditions above. The insurer updates this list continuously. It can be inspected at the insurer's offices, or a copy can be requested.

3 Need for hospital treatment

Benefits for scientifically recognised medical treatment during a hospital stay will be provided if the condition of the insured person requires inpatient treatment, and for the hospital or hospital ward in which the insured person belongs for medical reasons.

4 Hospital benefits

4.1 An acute care hospital or a psychiatric clinic is deemed to be a hospital if it fulfils the requirements according to Section 2.1 and if it appears appropriate to treat insured persons as described in Section 3 of these Supplementary Insurance Conditions.

4.2 In the event of hospital treatment, the following comprise the benefits within the limits of the rates recognised by the insurer for the relevant hospital in the general ward:

- a) the costs of accommodation and meals
- b) doctors' fees
- c) the costs of scientifically recognised diagnostic and therapeutic procedures
- d) nursing care in the hospital
- e) the costs of medicine, treatment materials, the operating room and anaesthesia
- f) the costs of materials and supplies prescribed by the hospital

4.3 Benefits for dental treatment under Section 4.2 are paid by the supplementary hospital insurance, to the extent that a payment obligation exists under the KVG.

4.4 For benefits relating to inpatient acute and transitional care that are required following a hospital stay and are prescribed by the hospital, the insurer, in addition to its obligations to provide benefits under the KVG, shall reimburse the uncovered costs for accommodation and meals at a rate of up to CHF 90 per day for up to 14 days per calendar year.

5 Outpatient operations

If a procedure can be performed at a more favourable cost on an outpatient basis and a hospital stay can be avoided, the insurer will pay the costs within the scope of the agreements made with the relevant hospital.

6 Benefits in the event of underinsurance

6.1 Insured persons will be provided 20% of the benefits of HOSPITAL COMFORT if they stay in the private ward, or in the event of a stay in the semi-private ward, 40% of the benefits of HOSPITAL PLUS, up to a maximum of 20%, or if applicable, 40% of the rates recognised by the insurer for the relevant hospital.

6.2 The insurer keeps a list of those hospitals whose rates have not been approved. This list is continuously updated and can be examined at the insurer's offices, or a copy can be requested.

7 Duration of benefits in acute care hospitals and psychiatric clinics

7.1 In the event of inpatient treatment in an acute care hospital, insured benefits will be paid without time limit so long as, in view of the diagnosis and the medical treatment as a whole, a stay in an acute care hospital is medically necessary.

7.2 In the event of inpatient treatment in a psychiatric clinic, insured benefits will be paid for a maximum of 90 days within a calendar year so long as, in view of the diagnosis and the medical treatment as a whole, a stay in a psychiatric clinic is medically necessary and chronic symptoms do not exist.

7.3 In the event of stays in psychiatric daytime and overnight clinics, no benefits will be paid.

8 Benefits abroad

In the event of an inpatient stay in an acute care hospital or psychiatric clinic abroad, a maximum of CHF 500 per day will be paid from HOSPITAL ECO for a maximum of 60 days per calendar year towards the costs of scientifically recognised and appropriate treatment and for accommodation and meals.

9 Benefits for newborn children

The costs of a healthy newborn baby's stay in hospital will be paid from the mother's HOSPITAL ECO during the period of the mother's stay in hospital, at most, however, for a period of 10 weeks.

10 Balneotherapy

10.1 If inpatient balneotherapy in a medically supervised spa in Switzerland has been medically prescribed before the treatment begins, HOSPITAL ECO bears up to CHF 30 in respect of the proven costs for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year.

10.2 Entitlement to the benefits under Section 10.1 only exists if the course of balneotherapy was preceded by intensive, scientifically recognised and appropriate treatment, or if scientifically recognised and appropriate therapy on an outpatient basis is not possible. A medical entry examination must be carried out at the beginning of the balneotherapy, and the balneotherapy and related physical treatment must be carried out in accordance with a treatment plan. The minimum duration for balneotherapy is 14 days.

10.3 Section 10.1 notwithstanding, balneotherapy can also be performed in a therapeutic spa located elsewhere in Europe, if the requirements of Section 10.2 are fulfilled.

11 Convalescent therapy

- 11.1 In the event of convalescent therapy carried out in Switzerland, which is medically prescribed before the beginning of the convalescent therapy and which is necessary for recovery from a serious illness, HOSPITAL ECO bears up to CHF 30 per day in respect of the proven costs for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year.
- 11.2 The convalescent therapy must be carried out in a Swiss convalescent facility recognised by the insurer.

12 Duration of benefits for balneotherapy and convalescent therapy

Benefits for balneotherapy and convalescent therapy will be paid for a combined maximum of 30 days per calendar year.

13 Treatment prescription

The insurer must receive the medical prescription for a balneotherapy or convalescent therapy reasonably in advance of the beginning of the treatment. The prescription must state the name of the relevant therapeutic spa or convalescent facility, and the date on which the treatment begins.

14 Home nursing

- 14.1 In the event of medically prescribed home nursing care that requires the paid services of a professional nursing care provider, and if such home nursing care can help avoid or shorten a hospital stay or stay in a convalescent facility, HOSPITAL ECO bears up to CHF 30 per day in respect of the proven costs for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year.
- 14.2 Any person who provides the required nursing services to the patient on a daily basis and thereby suffers demonstrable loss of income from their profession or employment, can be recognised as a nursing care provider for the purposes of these benefits.
- 14.3 If a child under the age of 15 and insured under this insurance becomes ill or has an accident, and the child is under the care of a single working parent, or a married couple or cohabiting partners who are both employed, the insurer will pay the following benefits, instead of the benefits under Section 14.1, toward the costs of child supervision and childcare, i.e. personal care and hygiene, administration of medication, as well as the preparation of meals up to 30 hours per calendar year in respect of the benefits provided.
- 14.4 Payment of benefits in accordance with Section 14.3 is subject to the arrangements for such care being organised through the emergency and organisation centre appointed by the insurer. The benefits will not be provided if such care is not organised through this centre.
- 14.5 The costs of general housework such as shopping, washing and ironing, cleaning etc. are not insured.
- 14.6 In the event of a stay in a nursing home or similar institution, no benefits for home nursing will be paid.

15 Household help

- 15.1 If an insured person requires household help services, on the basis of a medical prescription in the event of 100% incapacity to work due to their health condition and personal family circumstances, and if a hospital stay or stay in a convalescent facility can thereby be avoided or shortened, HOSPITAL ECO bears up to CHF 30 per day in respect of the proven costs for a maximum of 30 days per calendar year.
- 15.2 A household help provider is anyone who looks after the household on behalf of the insured person, whether this is an independent professional help provider or one who works for an organisation.
- 15.3 Any person who acts on behalf of the ill insured person to maintain their household and thereby suffers demonstrable loss of income from their profession or employment can be recognised as a household help provider for the purposes of these benefits.
- 15.4 In the event of a stay in a nursing home or similar institution, no benefits for household help will be provided.

16 Duration of benefits for home nursing and household help

The insured daily benefits for home nursing care and household help are provided for a combined maximum of 30 days per calendar year.

17 Childcare service

- 17.1 If an insured person stays in hospital for inpatient treatment, the insurer shall cover third-party childcare costs for one or more children under the age of 15 who are under the parental guardianship of the insured person, during standard weekly working hours, and up to a maximum of 30 hours per calendar year.
- 17.2 Benefits will only be paid if the insured person contacts the organisation centre designated by the insurer in advance, which will then arrange the childcare.

Insurance Plan Options

18 Insurance plan with limited choice of hospitals

- 18.1 For a reduced premium, the insurance plan with a limited choice of hospitals can be concluded. For this option, the insurer maintains a list of hospitals that may be selected. This list is continuously updated and can be examined at the insurer's offices, or a copy can be requested.
- 18.2 In the event of a hospital stay in a hospital which is not on the insurer's list, no costs will be paid.
- 18.3 This insurance plan can be taken out with a compulsory health care insurance with limited choice of hospitals. If the health care insurance is cancelled or suspended, this insurance plan is discontinued. In this case, an automatic transfer to 'HOSPITAL ECO without limited choice of hospitals' will take place.

19 Insurance plan with extended choice of hospitals

- 19.1 For an additional premium, the insurance plan with extended choice of hospitals can be issued. In this insurance plan, the insurer provides cost cover also for those hospitals which do not fulfil the requirements according to Section 2.1. In this case, the maximum rates recognised by the insurer for the relevant hospital are applied.
- 19.2 The insurer keeps a list of those hospitals whose rates have not been approved. This list is continuously updated and can be examined at the insurer's offices, or a copy can be requested.

20 Insurance plan with selectable annual deductible

For a reduced premium, the insurance plan with selectable annual deductible can be issued. Insured persons with this insurance plan are required to pay in advance the chosen deductible per year in the event of a claim under the HOSPITAL Supplementary Hospital Insurance. The selected annual deductible is charged only in the event of stays in acute care hospitals and psychiatric clinics.

21 Accident cover

Insurance cover for the consequences of accidents can be excluded. Insured persons who have excluded this insurance cover can make a request to have it included or reinstated up to completion of their 70th year of age.

22 Special condition for special types of insurance

For insured persons who have obtained other special forms of insurance under compulsory health care insurance pursuant to the KVG (e.g. HMOs, other general practitioner models or insurance models with limited choice of service providers), the limiting conditions for a benefits claim set forth in the relevant General Insurance Conditions apply to this insurance as well.

Miscellaneous

23 Option on CURA Long-Term Care Insurance

- 23.1 On 1 January following the attainment of official AHV retirement age, and without the need for a health examination, the insured person with HOSPITAL ECO has the right to be automatically provided with CURA Long-term Care Insurance in the variant offered by the company at the time in which the option is exercised. The insurance will be provided in the variant 30.
- 23.2 For insured persons under Section 23.1, the obligation to pay benefits under CURA Long-term Care Insurance begins after 720 consecutive days on which the prerequisites for inpatient treatment for chronic illness, home nursing and household help have been met. For the calculation of the waiting period, the doctor's prescription is authoritative.
- 23.3 After the issuance of CURA Long-term Care Insurance, insured persons under Section 23.1 have the right until 31 January to withdraw from the CURA Long-term Care Insurance retroactively to the 1st of January of that year, by way of derogation from the general conditions for giving notice of termination according to Section 10 of the General Insurance Conditions (AVB).

24 Insurance for children

Children can be insured from birth, provided the proposal for the insurance is received by the insurer prior to the birth. No benefit exclusions will be applied in the event of any preexisting damage health.

25 Suspension of the insurance cover

- 25.1 In return for a reduction in premium the policyholder can suspend the claim for benefits arising from HOSPITAL ECO subject to their providing evidence that they have alternative insurance cover (group contract, company health care insurance, foreign insurance, etc.) for the insurance to be suspended.
- 25.2 The policyholder must reactivate the insurance cover with the insurer within 30 days of the expiry of the alternative insurance cover, with the premium being adjusted in accordance with Section 12 AVB. If the policyholder fails to adhere to this grace period, the conditions for new inclusion shall apply to the continuation of the insurance policies.

26 Insurance card

Insured persons are provided with an insurance card in accordance with Section 28 AVB.