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Are Medicare related items and expenses covered?	×	Unfortunately due to the Health Insurance Act 1973 we are prohibited from paying the Medicare gap or anything towards any Medicare related expenses, such as a Doctor, Surgeon, Surgeon's assistant's booking/admin fees, Anesthetist, Pathologist & Radiologist.
Are Non-Medicare Medical items and expenses covered?	√	The policy covers many Non-Medicare Medical expenses such as Private Hospital accommodation, theatre fees, physiotherapy, chiropractic, dental, ambulance, non-refundable MRI's, Acupuncture, Osteopath, Naturopath, Massage, Hydrotherapy, and Podiatry.
Are bandages and pharmaceutical items such as pain killers and creams covered?	×	Unfortunately, this does not fall under the scope of cover and is not covered under the policy.
Do you cover equipment such as crutches and wheelchair hire?	√	This is covered under the policy however your hire deposits are excluded from cover.
Can I still claim if I have Private Health Insurance?	√	You must claim through your Private Health Insurer first and a proportion of the gap is usually refunded by Sportscover.
Can I claim for broken spectacles and other personal property?	×	Unfortunately, this does not fall under the scope of cover and is not covered under the policy.
Will you pay my bills up front?	×	As our policy does not cover 100% of your medical expenses, you must pay all your bills and send through your receipts for our consideration.
Do you only settle my claim when treatment is complete?	√	Your claim is settled when one of the following events occurs, whichever comes first: > Your treatment is complete; > You are able to return to training or playing sports; > You exceed the 12 month policy period; > The maximum amount payable under the policy has been exceeded
Will you send back my receipts?	X	No, your receipts will stay on file so please ensure you send our office copies.
Do I need to provide a Medical Certificate for the days I am unable to work?	√	Yes, you will need to provide Medical Certificates for all your claimed days off work.



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If I am eligible to claim loss of income will you reimburse any sick leave?	×	Sick leave that you have been paid will be deducted from any settlement and will not be reimbursed.
If I am eligible to claim loss of income when will it be paid?	✓	If you are eligible to claim loss of income, it will be paid monthly in arrears.
If I am eligible to claim loss of income will it be taxed?	✓	If you are a Pay As You Go (PAYG) taxpayer, we must withhold tax in accordance with your usual tax scale. You must also complete a Tax File Number Declaration (TFN). Note, if you don't provide a TFN Declaration, it will result in tax being withheld at the Marginal rate, currently 47% for Australian residents and 45% for non-residents. If you hold an ABN, you are not required to complete and return a Tax File Number Declaration (TFN). Please include your ABN on the claim form.
If I am eligible to claim loss of income will I receive a PAYG Payment Summary?	✓	In line with current ATO requirements, Sportscover will no longer produce a Payment Summary. Your PAYG Payment Summary is now called an "Income Statement" and is available via the ATO link: https://my.gov.au . If you lodge your tax return via a Tax Agent, they will also have access to this information.