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# LifeStage Choices

## First Plan Plus

### Level 1 and Level 2



LifeStage Choices is a range of healthcare plans designed to give you the best cover for the healthcare services that you are likely to need at your particular stage in life. Each plan offers excellent hospital cover with some of the plans allowing great savings on day-to-day medical expenses.

We have two levels of benefits for day-to-day cover to help those who have varying needs and expenses for day-to-day care, and they are called **Level 1** and **Level 2**.

**First Plan Plus** is designed to provide an enhanced healthcare solution that a younger single person is most likely to need in today's world.

## Hospital cover

**First Plan Plus** Levels 1 & 2 hospital cover includes:

- > Direct payment to hospitals
- > Access to over 2,100 consultants

Public hospitals	
Day-care, Side room & Private room	Full cover
Most private hospitals	
Day-care & Side room	Full cover (including Blackrock Clinic and Mater Private Hospital)
Semi-private room	Full cover ( <b>excluding</b> Blackrock Clinic and Mater Private Hospital)
Specified hip, knee & shoulder joint replacement & ophthalmic procedures	80% cover ( <b>excluding</b> Beacon Hospital and Galway Clinic)
Beacon Hospital and Galway Clinic only	
Major cardiac procedures	75% cover, subject to a maximum co-payment of €2,000 per claim
Blackrock Clinic, Hermitage Medical Clinic and Mater Private Hospital only	
Major cardiac procedures	90% cover
Specified hip, knee & shoulder joint replacement & ophthalmic procedures	Up to 80% cover

## Stress related cover

- > 100 days cover for stress related and psychiatric hospital care (including cover for eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia)
- > 91 days in-patient treatment for alcoholism, drug or other substance abuse in any 5 year period
- > Dean Clinic Mental Health Assessment benefit of up to €100 per member in every 2 year period and up to €35 per visit (€25 under Level 1) to a maximum of 7 visits per year for Mental Health Therapy Sessions

## Recuperation care

- > Convalescent care of €30 per night for up to 14 nights per claim
- > Cancer care support benefit of up to €100 for one night's accommodation for each treatment, to a maximum of €1,500 per calendar year

## Mother and child cover

Maternity benefits			
Public maternity hospital	Private accommodation	Full cover - 3 days	
Private maternity hospital	Accommodation & hospital charges	Up to €2,275	
Home births	Medical expenses incurred	Up to €2,275	
Pre- & post-natal	GP, consultant or midwife	Level 1	Up to €250 in the year of the birth (subject to €25 excess per person)
		Level 2	Up to €350 in the year of the birth (subject to €25 excess per person)

- > Free cover for new born babies until the next renewal

## Cover outside Ireland

- > Travel vaccinations of up to €100 per member per year (up to €60 under Level 1)
- > Up to €100,000 for emergency treatment abroad while on holidays abroad for less than 180 days
- > Elective treatment abroad
  - Surgical treatment available in Ireland - up to €100,000\*
  - Treatment NOT available in Ireland - up to €100,000\*
- \* *Subject to prior approval and satisfaction in full of specified criteria*
- > Access to a 24 hour medical phone service with an English speaking medical expert
- > Help to find a local GP, hospital or clinic

## NurseLine 24/7

**NurseLine 24/7** is a confidential telephone support service staffed by qualified nurses who supply information on a wide range of medical conditions and queries.

**NurseLine 24/7** is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is exclusive to Vhi Healthcare members. Make sure you have your membership number to hand!



## Day-to-day cover for medical expenses – Levels 1 & 2

	Level 1	Level 2	Visit limits
Annual excess*	€25 per person	€25 per person	
Annual maximum per person	€3,200	€4,000	
GP visits	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 visits per year per member
Consultant consultations	Up to €60 per visit per member	Up to €75 per visit per member	7 visits per year per member
Pathology - consultants	Up to €60	Up to €75	Per referral (in an approved out-patient centre)
Radiology - consultants	Up to €60	Up to €75	Per procedure
Pathology, radiology or other diagnostic tests	50% of agreed charges in an approved out-patient centre up to €300 per member per year	75% of agreed charges in an approved out-patient centre up to €750 per member per year	
Physiotherapy visits	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 visits per year per member
Dental visits	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 visits per year per member
Alternative therapies <sup>1</sup>	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 combined visits per year per member
Complementary therapies <sup>2</sup>	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 combined visits per year per member
A & E levy	Up to €75 per visit per member	Up to €75 per visit per member	2 visits per year per member
Optical	75% up to €55 per member	75% up to €100 per member	In each 24 month period
Hearing tests	Up to €25 per member	Up to €35 per member	In each 2 year period
Clinical psychologist visits	Up to €25 per visit per member	Up to €35 per visit per member	7 visits per year per member

\* An excess is the amount you pay before any benefit is payable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes acupuncturist, chiropractor, osteopath, physical therapist & reflexologist visits.

<sup>2</sup> Includes chiropodist/podiatrist, dietician, occupational therapist, speech therapist & orthoptist visits.

## Additional benefits

- > Vhi SwiftCare Clinics benefit of up to €75 per visit per member for up to 5 visits per year per member
- > Vhi Screening - Please phone us at CallSave 1850 44 44 44 for more information

## Cost

	Adult (monthly)	Child/Student (monthly)
First Plan Plus Level 1	€80.50	€27.50
First Plan Plus Level 2	€90.08	€31.82

Vhi Healthcare members do not pay surcharges on any instalment payments. The price remains the same whether you pay monthly or yearly. All prices quoted are monthly group rates net of tax relief.

Child rates apply to children under 18 years of age and students in full-time education up to 21 years of age. 4th and subsequent children are free.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please phone us on **CallSave 1850 211 558** or log onto **www.vhi.ie**