# **AustralianSuper Transition Plan**

(Insurance in Superannuation Voluntary Code of Practice)

We have adopted the Insurance in Superannuation Voluntary Code of Practice, which commenced on 1 July 2018.

This transition plan applies to the following plans:

- AustralianSuper Plan
- Public Sector Division
- Super Options
- GHD Plan
- AustralianSuper Select
- Personal Plan and Super Only^

The products that we offer that will be covered by the Code are:

- Income Protection
- Total & Permanent Disablement (TPD) cover
- Death cover
- Terminal Illness benefit

The tables below provide an overview of our transition dates for key items of the Code. A full copy of the *Insurance in Superannuation Voluntary Code of Practice* can be located on our website at **australiansuper.com/InsuranceCode** 

#### Our Approach

Our implementation approach is a phased approach and we've been working with both our Administrator and our Insurer on the changes required to implement the Code.

Our intent is to have the Code fully implemented by 30 June 2020. We initially targeted November 2019, however we've since had the following legislation changes which have impacted our implementation timeframes:

- Protecting your Super (PYS) package effective 1 July 2018; and
- Putting Member's Interests First (PMIF) package due to be introduced from 1 April 2020

This transition plan provides an overview of how we're progressing with implementation.

## Benefit design and premiums

| <b>Code Section</b>            | Included items   | Status      |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Benefit design<br>(4.2 to 4.9) | <ul> <li>Design of insurance benefits</li> <li>Publishing our insurance strategy</li> <li>Membership characteristics when designing insurance benefits</li> <li>Appropriateness of our benefit design</li> <li>Affordable cover that doesn't inappropriately erode the retirement income of our members</li> <li>Automatic insurance cover that does not exceed 1% of an estimated level of salary for our membership</li> </ul> | implemented |

<sup>^</sup> These members don't receive automatic insurance cover, but we apply other aspects of the Code such as insurance changes, cancellation of cover, claims, queries and complaints to all our members.

| <b>Code Section</b>   | Included items  | Status      |
|---|---|-------------|
| Categories of<br>Membership<br>(4.10 to 4.13)                 | <ul> <li>Insurance design considerations for:</li> <li>Members under the age of 25.</li> <li>Members with low or infrequent contributions</li> <li>Members nearing retirement.</li> <li>Members not to be included in a division of our fund that is higher risk due to smoker status or occupation without relevant evidence.</li> </ul>   | implemented |
| Reviews and<br>changes to<br>benefit design<br>(4.14 to 4.17) | <ul> <li>We will review and update the benefits we offer and policy details at each insurance contract renewal.</li> <li>We will assess the premiums for our Automatic Insurance Members at each policy renewal (and no later than every 3 years).</li> <li>If we change the benefits offered, we'll provided you with the details of changes.</li> <li>If the impact on your cover or premiums is material, we'll let you know at least 30 days before the changes take effect.</li> </ul> | Implemented |

## **Benefit Design & Categories of Membership**

Our insurance strategy has been published and a copy can be located on the Code page of our website at australiansuper.com/InsuranceCode

This document includes some information on our cover design considerations as well as affordability.

Design considerations are incorporated into our *Insurance Management Framework* document and as part of our insurance strategy. Our *Insurance Management Framework* is an AustralianSuper Board reviewed internal document that outlines our insurance framework.

In October 2018 we implemented our new insurance design for new members under 25. We no longer provide an automatic level of insurance cover to new members under 25. Members still have the option for insurance cover, but it isn't provided automatically.

We don't currently add members into a division based on smoker status or occupation.

## **Reviews and Changes to Design**

We have a close working relationship with our Insurer and we review our insurance arrangements and premium costs annually, so we don't wait for the insurance contract to expire for these activities to occur.

Where we have substantial insurance changes, these are communicated to our members within the timeframe required.

## **Automatic Cessation and Reinstatement of cover**

| Code Section                                 | Included items  | Status                                       | Transition<br>Date |
|--|---|--|--------------------|
| End of cover<br>(4.25 (e) & (f)<br>and 4.27) | <ul> <li>Cessation of income protection cover 13 months from the date of the last eligible contribution.</li> <li>Cessation of death and TPD cover if we determine the member is likely to have an</li> </ul> | Implemented in line with the PYS legislation | N/A                |

| Code Section                                | Included items   | Status             | Transition<br>Date |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | account balance of less than \$6,000 13 months from the date of your last eligible contribution.   |                    |                    |
| Reinstatement<br>of cover<br>(4.27 to 4.29) | <ul> <li>Ability for basic cover to be reinstated<br/>within 60 days if cover has ended due to<br/>lack of contributions (subject to eligibility)</li> </ul> | Not<br>implemented | June 2020          |

## **All other Code items**

Several Code items were either in place already or have been implemented (66% implemented). For the remaining Code items that aren't already in place, we'll implement these in a phased approach between now and 30 June2020. An overview of our current implementation is included on the following page.

Please note the implementation overview refers to whether we've implemented the items only, it doesn't reflect compliance with the Code. Our compliance with the Code will be reported separately in our annual Code compliance once the Code has been fully implemented.

# **Implementation Overview**

| Section | Section Title   | Implemented               |
|---------|---|---------------------------|
| 3       | Scope of the Code                                     |                           |
|         | Who is bound by the Code                              | Partially                 |
|         | What products are covered by the Code?                | <u>√</u>                  |
|         | When does the Code apply from?                        | $\overline{\hspace{1cm}}$ |
|         | Our relationship with Insurers                        | $\checkmark$              |
|         | Legal status of the Code                              |                           |
| 4       | Appropriate and affordable cover                      |                           |
|         | Benefit Design  | <u>√</u>                  |
|         | Categories of our membership                          | √                         |
|         | Reviews and changes to benefit design                 |                           |
|         | Cancelling your insurance cover                       | Partially                 |
|         | Communicating to you about your lack of contributions | Partially                 |
|         | Reinstatement of cover                                | Partially                 |
|         | Duplicate insurance cover                             | Partially                 |
| 5       | Helping members to make informed decisions            |                           |
|         | How we will provide you with information              | Partially                 |
|         | Explaining our definitions                            | Partially                 |
|         | Communicating during the term of your cover           | Partially                 |
|         | Lost members  | <b>√</b>                  |
| 6       | Supporting vulnerable consumers                       |                           |
|         | Vulnerable consumers                                  | Partially                 |
|         | Providing information                                 | <b>√</b>                  |
|         | Interpreting services                                 | Partially                 |
|         | Guardianship  |                           |
|         | Release of funds                                      | $\overline{\hspace{1cm}}$ |
| 7       | Handling claims                                       |                           |
|         | Principles of claims handling                         | Partially                 |
|         | The claims process                                    |                           |
|         | Making a claim  | Partially                 |
|         | While a claim is being processed                      | Partially                 |
|         | Review of insurers decision                           |                           |
|         | Claim decision  |                           |
|         | Income Protection claims                              | Partially                 |
| 8       | Premium adjustments                                   | <b>√</b>                  |
| 9       | Promoting our insurance cover                         | Partially                 |
| 10      | Changes to cover                                      |                           |
|         | Changes to cover                                      | Partially                 |
|         | Transfer between divisions                            | Partially                 |
| 11      | Refunds   | Not in place yet          |
| 12      | Staff and Service Providers                           | Partially                 |
| 13      | Making enquiries and complaints                       |                           |
|         | How to make an enquiry                                | Partially                 |
|         | How to make a complaint                               | Partially                 |
|         | External determination of complaints                  | <b>√</b>                  |
| 14      | Promoting, monitoring and reporting on the Code       |                           |
|         | Our role  | Partially                 |