

**Supplementary Table 1. HRs of the medical aid group by a model with different levels of adjustment**

Model	HR (95% CI)	$\beta$	SE of $\beta$	p-value
No	1 (-)	-	-	-
Model 1	1.45 (1.36–1.56)	0.37	0.03	<0.001
Model 2	1.10 (1.03–1.18)	0.10	0.04	0.005
Model 3	1.07 (1.00–1.15)	0.07	0.04	0.04
Model 4	1.07 (1.00–1.14)	0.06	0.04	0.07

No, without adjustment; model 1, adjusted for age and sex; model 2, adjusted for model 1 plus dialysis vintage; model 3, adjusted for model 2 plus causes of end-stage renal disease; model 4, adjusted for model 3 plus comorbidities.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; SE, standard error;  $\beta$ , regression coefficient.