

MEDICARE INELIGIBLE PATIENTS

Medicare ineligible patients in Australia are individuals, such as international visitors or temporary residents, who do not hold a valid Medicare card and are not from a country with a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement or do not have a recognized visa status for coverage. These patients are responsible for the full cost of hospital and healthcare services and should arrange for private or travel health insurance to cover these expenses.

Patients will be required to provide valid passport, valid visa documentation, contact information and information on relevant health insurance policy.

MEDICARE INELIGIBLE PATIENT FEES/CHARGES

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	CHARGE
Emergency attendance (per visit)	\$500.00
Emergency Department Stay	\$1,800.00
INPATIENT FEES	CHARGE
Day/Overnight admission (per day) including Day Surgery	\$1,800.00
High Dependency Unit (HDU per day)	\$3,500.00
Dialysis/Oncology day stay	\$1,500.00
Hospital in the home	\$450.00
OTHER CHARGES	CHARGE
Prosthesis	Full cost
Pharmacy	Full cost
Radiology	Full cost
Pathology	Full cost
Interpreter fees	Full cost
Allied Health (per consultation)	Full cost
Community Nursing	Full cost
MATERNITY	CHARGE
Maternity Package (Normal/Caesarean- single birth)	\$10,500.00
- Payment by installments due prior to birth	
<i>First Payment due by 18 weeks</i>	\$3,500.00
<i>Second Payment due by 28 weeks</i>	\$3,500.00
<i>Final Payment due by 34 weeks</i>	\$3,500.00
- Payment in full	
<i>Payment due by 18 weeks (5% discount applied)</i>	\$9,975.00

FURTHER INFORMATION

MATERNITY INELIGIBLE PATIENT FEES

Maternity package includes:

- Maximum 3 night stay for mum and baby, any additional days will incur the inpatient day/overnight admission charge listed in fee schedule above.
- Antenatal outpatient consultations
- Post natal care services within the region
- Immunisations for women during pregnancy and women and baby during and immediate post-partum period
- Anaesthetic costs, including epidural in labour
- Ferrinject during pregnancy and during the post birth hospitalisation are included in the package (the costs of the actual ferrinject is not included and charged per Pharmacy full costs stated in above table)

ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Asylum seekers and refugees generally do not have Medicare and are considered Medicare Ineligible Patients. However, they are entitled to free medical care in Victorian public hospitals, including diagnostic services. To receive these services, they must provide documentation from the Department of Home Affairs or a recognized support agency, like the Red Cross. Without this documentation, they may be charged for services, though fees can often be waived once the correct paperwork is presented.

RECIPROCAL HEALTH CARE AGREEMENT (RHCA)

Australia has reciprocal healthcare agreements (RHCA) operating with the following countries: Finland, Italy, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of Slovenia.

Visitors from these countries are entitled to medical treatment on terms no less favourable than would apply to a resident of Australia.

ASSISTANCE

Accounts can be paid in person, over the phone or via bank transfer.

Payment options can be discussed with Accounts Receivable at main reception or phone 03 5485 5003.