

# Information for Medicare Ineligible Patients – Maternity Care

As a Medicare Ineligible patient, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have health insurance cover or at the very least adequate money to cover the cost of your health care. As a Medicare ineligible patient you will be required to pay for all the costs of your maternity care and the cost of your baby's care.

A Medicare Ineligible person is any visitor to Australia who does not hold a valid Medicare card, or does not fall under one of the classifications below:

- **Reciprocal Rights** (please contact patient liaison team for further information)
- **Asylum Seekers and Refugees** (please contact patient liaison team for further information)
- **As a Medicare Ineligible patient you will be required to pay costs for medical treatment received at Barwon Health.** This includes all outpatient visits as well as your inpatient care and accommodation. Barwon Health requires upfront payment of these fees prior to your attendance.

**Insured patients:** If you have private health insurance please check with your health fund that you are covered for pregnancy care and that your baby will be covered for neonate care

**Uninsured patients:** If you are uninsured for pregnancy care you will be required to pay pre-admission deposit of \$5,969 prior to your first Maternity Care appointment.

## You will be required to provide the following information:

- Your passport
- Contact information during your stay in Australia
- Relevant health insurance policy details

If you do not pay, or have not arranged a suitable payment agreement your account will be handled by a debt collection agency.

## Emergency, Outpatient and Standard Ward rates for insured and uninsured patients:

Effective 01/07/2018 (Fees subject to change)

Emergency Attendance: Includes: Emergency care, general radiography, ultrasound (provided during Emergency attendance)	\$523
Day Stay Only admission – Bed rate (prior to birth)	\$1,107
Overnight admission – Daily Bed rate (shared room)	\$1,550
Birthing Suite fee (normal delivery)	\$1,107
Epidural	\$275
Birthing Suite fee (caesarean delivery)	\$1,877
Baby with mum – Daily rate	\$383
Baby in Special Care Nursery – Daily Bed rate	\$2,224
Medical fees including anaesthetic fees and pharmacy	\$ Full cost per service
Outpatient Clinic (per consultation) – All Barwon Health Sites	\$332
Post natal home visits	\$332
Interpreter fees <i>Where we need to obtain interpreter services in order to provide safe clinical care, this cost will be passed on to the patient</i>	\$270 (less than two hours)

## More information

Please contact our Private Patient Liaison team on

Telephone (03) 4215 1307 or

Email: [custservice@barwonhealth.org.au](mailto:custservice@barwonhealth.org.au) for assistance or advice on any matters relating to your admission.

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