

Information for Medicare Ineligible Patients

As a Medicare Ineligible patient, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have health insurance cover or adequate money to cover the cost of your health 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:** The Australian Government has Reciprocal Health Care Agreements with the governments of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Sweden, The Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Slovenia, Malta and Italy. Visitors from Malta & Italy are covered for Medicare for a period of six months from date of arrival in Australia.
- **Asylum Seekers and Refugees:** Asylum Seekers and Refugees are provided with free medical care (Including diagnostic services) in Victorian hospitals. Please note Asylum Seekers/Refugees will need to produce appropriate documents confirming their status from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship or a recognised asylum support agency, such as Red Cross. If the document is not produced you will be expected to pay for all associated medical costs; however the fee will be waived once the documents are presented.

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: Effective 01/07/18 (Fees subject to change)

Emergency Attendance: Includes: Emergency care, general radiography, ultrasound (provided during Emergency attendance)	\$523
Day Stay Only admission – Bed rate	\$1,107
Overnight admission – Daily Bed rate	\$1,550
Coronary Care Unit – Overnight bed fee	\$3,658
Intensive Care Unit – Overnight bed fee	\$4,595
Theatre fee	\$ Refer to Accounts Department
Prosthesis fee	\$ Refer to Accounts Department
Medical fees including anaesthetic fees and pharmacy	\$ Full cost per service
Outpatient Clinic (per consultation) – All Barwon Health Sites	\$332
Hospital in the Home - Daily rate	\$500
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 (03) 4215 1307 or email: custservice@barwonhealth.org.au for assistance or advice on any matters relating to your admission.

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