

Information for Medicare Ineligible Patients

Patient fees at Barwon Health from 1 July 2021

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:

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. As a Medicare Ineligible patient you will be required to pay for all the cost of your medical care at Barwon Health.

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 and 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 & visa
- Up-Front payment of Services
- Contact information during your stay in Australia
- Overseas residential contact details
- Evidence of Immigration Status (e.g. Immicard) interim Medicare Card, and or letter from recognized Asylum Support Agency (e.g. Red Cross)
- Details of your relevant health insurance policy must be provided so we can obtain a guarantee of payment

If you do not pay, or have not agreed to a suitable payment arrangement with Barwon Health, your account will be forwarded to a debt collection agency.

Emergency, outpatient and standard ward

rates: Effective 01/07/21 (fees subject to change)

Emergency attendance: Includes: emergency care, general radiography, ultrasound (provided during emergency attendance)	\$600
Day stay only admission – bed rate	\$1960
Overnight admission – daily bed rate	
Medical	\$1960
Surgical	\$2060
Advanced Surgical	\$2470
Coronary Care Unit – overnight bed fee	\$3915
Intensive Care Unit – overnight bed fee	\$6180
Theatre fee	\$ Refer to Accounts Department
Prosthesis fee	\$ Refer to Accounts Department
Medical fees including anesthetic fees, consultant fees, medical imaging and pharmacy	\$ Full cost per service
Outpatient clinic (per consultation) – all Barwon Health sites	\$360
Hospital in the Home - daily rate	\$620
Interpreter fees (1-2 hours)	\$185
Interpreter fees (2+hours)	\$280

More information

Please contact our Private Patient Liaison team on phone (03) 4215 1307 or (03) 4215 1305 or email: pls@barwonhealth.org.au for assistance or advice on any matters relating to your admission.