

Announcement of transitioning to private billing

From 6th February 2023 we will start private billing with Medicare rebates for most of the services. Bulk billing and discount services will continue for some patients and selected services only.

Procedures and excisions will generally be privately billed.

Telehealth Consultations will no longer be routinely bulk billed for all patients. Most telephone consultations will attract a private fee with Medicare rebate. Please refer to below table for more details.

For over the last few years, our practice has delivered quality bulk billed care to a large majority of our patients. It has been a pleasure serving our community.

Unfortunately, the costs associated with doctors providing medical services continue to increase. When doctors bulk bill, they receive only the Medicare rebate. The government has frozen Medicare contributions to your healthcare for many years. This means the doctor receives considerably less than they should be receiving for each service.

To continue to provide the same high level of care and to stay open, we require to make adjustments to our fee policy.

| Consult | Private | Discounted * | Medicare Rebate |
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| Level A | \$40 | \$35 | \$18.20 |
| Level B | \$85 | \$70 | \$39.75 |
| Level C | \$125 | \$110 | \$76.95 |
| Level D | \$170 | \$150 | \$113.30 |

*Discounted fee usually applies to Pensioners, Health Care Card Holders, Children (12-16 years old) and *Phone consultation*.

* *All type of procedures attracts a private fee from \$75.25 for all patients.*

Who is Bulk Billed at our practice?

- Patients who require script only (Face to face or Phone consultation)
- First follow-up for results (Face to face or Phone consultation)
- Health Assessments
- Care plan GPMP/TCA and Care Plan Review
- Mental Health Care Plans
- Veterans' Affairs GOLD Card Holders
- Children less than 12 year of age and the Routine immunization
- Routine vaccination (such as Covid-19, Flu)

We understand change can be difficult and we hope to remain as your doctor and as part of your healthcare team. Thank you for your understanding. If you have questions about these upcoming changes please visit our website <https://accesshealthcare.net.au/> , also the information brochure is available via reception.

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