

Information for Medicare ineligible patients

Patient fees from 1 July 2024



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. Including costs not covered by your insurer.

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 and visa
- Upfront payment of services
- Contact information during your stay in Australia
- Overseas residential contact details
- Evidence of Immigration Status (eg: Immicard) interim Medicare Card and/or letter from recognize Asylum Support Agency (eg: 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 01/07/2024 (fees subject to change)

Emergency attendance <i>Includes emergency care, minimum diagnostics, ultrasound and X-ray (provided during emergency attendance)</i> <i>* Excludes blood tests, CT scans & MRI exams</i>	\$699
Day stay only admission – bed rate	\$2284
Overnight admission – daily bed rate	
Medical	\$2284
Surgical	\$2404
Advanced surgical	\$2880
Coronary Care Unit – overnight bed fee	\$4569
Intensive Care Unit – overnight bed fee	\$7205
Theatre fee	\$ Refer to accounts department
Prosthesis fee	\$ Refer to accounts department
Rehabilitation	\$2404
Mental Health – Psychiatric Care	\$2404
Medical fees <i>Including anaesthetic fees, consult fees, medical imaging and pharmacy</i>	\$ Full cost per service
Outpatient clinic <i>Price per consultation, applies to all Barwon Health sites</i>	\$425
Hospital in the Home – daily rate	\$725
Interpreter fee (1-2 hours)	\$218
Interpreter fee (2+ hours)	\$326

This document was developed by the Customer Service Department, Barwon Health.

More information

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