

HRMC is a private billing clinic.

Over 65 years old Pension card holders will be billed concession

Rates:

Private:

Standard Consult – 80 dollars

Long Consult – 125 dollars

Very Long Consult – 160 dollars

Concession:

Standard Consult – 65 dollars

Long Consult – 105 dollars

Very Long Consult – 140 dollars

Antenatal Attendance: - 90 dollars – but if longer than 20 mins then Long Consult

Skin Checks: Private bill equal to long consults

GP Care Plans are still Bulkbilled

Mental Health Plans:

Standard - 130 dollars

Long - 180 dollars

Minor procedures:

Implanon insertion – 110 dollars

Removal of Implanon – 140 dollars

Ingrowing Toenail (Wedge resection) – 210 dollars

Venesection – 130 dollars

Iron Infusion – 150 dollars

Procedure fee for other procedure not mentioned above:

Minor: 80 dollars

Major: 100 dollars

- 1. Question:** Why has the clinic decided to switch to private billing?
Answer: We have decided to switch to private billing to maintain and enhance the high standard of medical care that we offer. This allows us to spend more time with our patients, invest in the latest technology and training, and continue to provide comprehensive, personalized healthcare services.
- 2. Question:** Will I need to pay more for my consultations now?
Answer: Yes, with private billing, you will have to pay for your consultations. However, the Medicare rebate will still apply, meaning a portion of the consultation fee will be refunded to you by Medicare.
- 3. Question:** How does private billing work exactly?
Answer: With private billing, you pay the consultation fee upfront and then claim back a portion of this fee from Medicare. The exact amount you can claim back depends on the service provided and the specific Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item number.
- 4. Question:** Will this change affect the quality or nature of my care?
Answer: The change to private billing should improve the quality of care we can provide. It will enable us to dedicate more time to each patient and invest in the latest medical technology and training for our doctors.
- 5. Question:** What happens if I cannot afford the consultation fees?
Answer: We understand the financial difficulties that some of our patients may face. We can discuss flexible payment options with you, and in some circumstances, concessional rates may apply.
- 6. Question:** Why can't the practice continue to bulk bill?
Answer: The fees paid by Medicare for bulk billed consultations have not kept up with the increasing costs of running a medical practice. This has made it increasingly challenging to maintain the quality of care we believe our patients deserve. By switching to private billing, we can ensure that we can continue to offer comprehensive, personalized healthcare.
- 7. Question:** What if I don't have private health insurance?
Answer: Private health insurance is not necessary for general practice consultations. The cost of your consultation is partly covered by the Medicare rebate, regardless of whether you have private health insurance. Your private health insurance may, however, cover you for other types of medical services, such as specialist consultations or hospital stays.
- 8. Question:** Does this mean I'll have longer wait times for appointments?
Answer: No, the change to private billing should actually help us better manage our appointment schedule. By allowing us to dedicate more resources to our practice, we aim to reduce waiting times and offer more convenient appointment options for our patients.
- 9. Question:** How do you go about on you billing the consult?

Answer: Our billings are time based. Short, Standard and Long consult. Please refer to our website for the fees. There are exceptional circumstances like an emergency that billing may vary but still in the discretion of the doctor.

10.Question: Will I be billed if I only need repeat scripts?

Answer:Needing a repeat script may incur a bill since this may be a time for you to be reviewed with the use of the medication and this will also take the time of the doctor. It is the patients responsibility to be sure that their scripts are up to date.