



Hunter River Medical Centre Billing schedule and policy

HRMC is a Private Billing practice. Below is our practice fee schedule effective 1st July 2026

CONSULTATION	FEE	REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
Standard	\$ 94.70	\$45.05	\$49.65
Concession	\$ 75.70		\$30.65
Long	\$ 142.20	\$87.10	\$55.10
Concession	\$ 119.20		\$32.10
Prolong	\$ 182.25	\$128.35	\$53.90
Concession	\$ 157.25		\$28.90
Antenatal Attendance (if <20min)	\$ 100.75	\$48.00	\$52.75
Skin check	\$ 142.20	\$87.10	\$55.10
Mental Health Plan			
• Standard	\$140.25	\$108.95	\$31.30
• Long	\$197.85	\$160.50	\$37.35
Implanon insertion	\$119.20	\$87.55	\$31.65
Removal of Implanon	\$154.35	\$91.75	\$62.60
Ingrown Toenail (Wedge resection)	\$272.40	\$172.50	\$99.90
Venesection	\$173.60	\$74.25	\$99.35
Iron Infusion	\$198.00	NO REBATE	\$198.00
Other procedure (not mentioned above)			
• Minor	\$187.10	87.10	\$100.00
• Major	\$278.35	128.35	\$150.00

All consultations attract a fee; consultation fees must be paid at the time of consultation.

Our billing policy details our use of private fees and patients who will be bulk billed. Patients are required to present a current Medicare card at each visit; the patient's Medicare information is recorded in their health record.

- Patients who require a script or referral will need to book a consultation which may incur a fee (depending on the extent)
- Concession fees apply to patients who are 65 years old and over, and hold a current concession card **ONLY**
- Children **12 years old and below** are **bulk billed**
- Care Plans (GPCCMP) are **bulk billed** if you are registered with MyMedicare to our practice
- Health Assessments are **bulk billed**
- Childhood immunisations are **bulk billed**
- DVA Gold card holders will be entirely billed to DVA (except for procedures which incur a procedure fee)

FAQ's

1. Why has the clinic decided to switch to private billing?
 - a. 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, personalised healthcare services.
2. Will I need to pay more for my consultations now?
 - a. 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. How does private billing work exactly?
 - a. 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.

We have outlined some of the common fees in our fee schedule above. The rebate can be paid immediately if you have your debit (cheque or savings) card with you on the day of your consultation.

4. Will this change affect the quality or nature of my care?
 - a. 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. What happens if I cannot afford the consultation fees?
 - a. 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. Why can't the practice continue to bulk bill?
 - a. 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, personalised healthcare.
7. What if I have private health insurance?
 - a. 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. Does this mean I'll have longer wait times for appointments?
 - a. No, the change to private billing should 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. How do you go about billing the consult?
 - a. Our billings are time based. Short, Standard and Long consult. Please refer to the above fee schedule. There are exceptional circumstances like an emergency that billing may vary but still in the discretion of the doctor.
10. Will I be billed if I only need a repeat script?
 - a. Needing a repeat script may incur a fee because your doctor might use this as an opportunity to review the use of the medication and this will also take the time of the doctor. It is the patient's responsibility to be sure that their scripts are up to date.