



Billing Policy Update

As of Monday the 5th August, Harold Park Medical Centre will transition from Mixed Billing to Private Billing for all consultations*.

A Gap Fee of \$42.80 for a standard consult will be incurred after your Medicare Rebate. Please visit the fees page on our website for more information.

We are set up so we are able to claim your Medicare Rebate on the spot so you won't have any extra paperwork.

Harold Park Medical Centre has chosen to continue to subsidise your healthcare by setting our fees lower than the current recommended fee schedule set by the Medical Association of Australia.

*We'll continue to Bulk Bill pensioners, health care card holders, students (up to 18 years old) and children under 16 years for pre-booked weekday appointments.

Why are we charging for appointments?

Providing high quality health care costs money and the government rebate provided through Medicare falls a long way short of covering all the costs.

Just like for you, the cost of our utilities have risen (rent, electricity, insurance, cost of specialised equipment, human resources and computers and so on), medical centres are just as affected by these rising costs as anybody else and especially so in a Medicare freeze environment.

For this reason, we have introduced fees for some consults to ensure you still receive quality health care from experienced and highly trained practitioners all within a well-resourced and pleasant practice environment.



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Why do we charge a fee for medical services?

Current and previous governments have failed to regularly increase the Medicare rebates. This means Medicare rebates have never kept pace with the cost of living and have never covered the true cost of delivering quality medical care.

