

INFORMATION FOR MEDICARE INELIGIBLE PATIENTS



If you are a Medicare ineligible patient, it is your responsibility to ensure you have health cover. If you do not have health cover or served your waiting period with your health fund, you will have to pay for your accommodation and clinical care. A Medicare ineligible person is any visitor who has entered the country on a visa and does not hold a Medicare card and does not fall under the classifications below.

- Hold a valid Medicare card or
- Be an Asylum Seeker/Refugee or
- Have Reciprocal Rights (see below)

Australia has Reciprocal Health Care Agreements with the following countries: Belgium, Finland, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Slovenia, Sweden and United Kingdom.

As a Medicare ineligible patient you will be required to pay costs for clinical care prior to your treatment. This includes all outpatient visits, inpatient accommodation care and diagnostic tests.

Insured ineligible patients: If you have health insurance, please check with your health insurer that you will be covered for the clinical reason that you are being admitted to hospital for.

Uninsured ineligible patients: You will be required to pay in advance for your clinical care as outlined in this document.

When attending this hospital you will be required to provide the following information:

- Passport
- Your contact information during your stay in Australia
- Relevant Health Insurance Policy Details

If you do not pay, or have not agreed to a suitable payment arrangement with Ballarat Health, your account will be forwarded to a debt collection agency.

Fees for Emergency, Outpatients and Ward Rates

Emergency Department - attendance	\$600
Outpatient/Specialist Clinics	\$350
Allied Health - attendance	\$180
Pharmacy	Full cost
Xray and Pathology	Full cost
Prosthesis & Aids	Full cost

Overnight and Day Stay Fees per Night

Medical	\$2,000
Surgical	\$2,000
Advance Surgical	\$2,000
Intensive/Coronary Care	\$4,990
Psychiatric Care	\$1,500
Dialysis	\$1,200
Day Stay	\$1,500
Rehabilitation	\$1,500
Hospital in the home	\$750
Special Care Nursery	\$2,500

Uninsured Maternity Care - \$15,000

This fee includes all visits which are maternity related, medical, outpatient, emergency, post-natal, domiciliary, delivery room and theatre (if required).

The first instalment is \$8,000 payable at your first appointment.

The second instalment is \$4,000 payable at 30 weeks.

The third and final instalment is \$3,000 payable at 36 weeks.

If you wish to pay the full maternity fee amount on your first appointment, this will be discounted to \$12,000.

There is no refund on this Maternity Fee unless your care is provided by another hospital.

Please note: All rates are current as of 1st July 2020 and are subject to change without notice. Please request an up to date quote prior to your admission.