

Template Letter to Patients About Increased Medical Fees

Today Medicare rebates do not cover the full cost of providing you with medical care. This is because the rate at which successive governments have indexed the Medicare Schedule fees has been substantially lower than increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and average weekly earnings.

You may have seen in the news that the Federal Government is making some pretty serious changes to your Medicare rebate.

From 1 July 2015 your Medicare rebate for your GP consultations will be cut by \$5 and will stay at that level for 3 more years.

The reality is that Medicare rebates do not cover the cost of providing you with a safe and high quality service. The fees charged by this practice have to cover all of our practice costs including employing receptionists and practice nurses, and meeting our operating expenses such as rent, medical equipment, electricity, computers and insurance.

For these reasons, this practice is no longer able to bulk bill all of our patients.

From 1 July 2015 our practice will be charging you the following fees for our most common services:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>MBS Rebate</u>
Level A Consultation	\$XX.00	\$11.95
Level B Consultation	\$XX.00	\$32.05
Level C Consultation	\$XX.00	\$66.70
Level D Consultation	\$XX.00	\$100.55

If you wish to let the Government know that the Medicare rebate is insufficient to assist you in meeting the cost of your medical care, please contact your local Member of Parliament at http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members and/or the Minister for Health:

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