

# INFORMATION

## MEDICARE INELIGIBLE MATERNITY PATIENTS



### Who is a Medicare Ineligible Patient?

A Medicare Ineligible Patient is someone who does not hold a valid Medicare card, is not an Asylum Seeker or is not a visitor from a country who has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia.

If you do not have a Medicare Card you will be required to pay for all hospital services. Patients who do not have a Medicare card will need to organise payment with Western Health Patient Accounts when receiving care and services. Charges may vary depending on the treatment provided and whether you are covered by an Australian Health Insurance Policy.

### Will I have to pay for my Maternity care at Western Health?

Yes. You will need to pay for all cost associated with your care and your baby's care.

### I do not have insurance for pregnancy care and birth

If you are uninsured for pregnancy care, the fee for maternity care is \$16,500

This fee includes all maternity-related medical, emergency, outpatient, inpatient, theatre and post-natal care services (up to six weeks where hospital care is required).

This fee does **not** include:

- The costs of your baby's care (if your baby requires treatment or admission)
- Medical Imaging, Pathology, Pharmacy or Anaesthetic services.

### I have insurance for pregnancy care and birth

All insured maternity patients will need to pay for Outpatient Services upfront, you may then claim this cost from your health insurance if you are eligible under your policy. Specialist outpatient services are \$425 and midwife outpatient services are \$100.

Any deposits paid to Western Health for the cost of your maternity care & birthing contributes to the costs related to your inpatient care that may not be covered by an Australian Health Insurance Policy. You must pay for any shortfall between the amount charged and the amount paid by your health fund. Any remaining balance will be refunded to you once payment has been received from your health fund.

For more information please speak with our Maternity Patient Liaison Officer who can inform you of any costs and help check with your insurance if you are covered for pregnancy care and the birth of your baby.

# Need help or assistance?

If you are unsure about your level of cover please contact our Maternity Patient Liaison Officer who can assist and discuss your maternity costs with you.



Telephone: 8345 1083

## What information will I be asked for?

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your passport & Visa Status
- Up-front payment for services
- Relevant health insurance policy details
- Overseas residential address and phone numbers
- Residential details and sponsor details including contact information during your stay in Australia



## A General Guide to Costs

If you do not have a Medicare Card or you are not covered by an Australian Health Insurance Policy you will be required to pay for all hospital services.

If you have an Australian Health Insurance policy you may be required to make an upfront payment. Charges may vary depending on the treatment provided and your Health Fund policy. For a guide to the cost of treatment please see 'Guide to Costs' below.

## Guide to Costs

### Medicare Ineligible Patients - Maternity Services

Insured Maternity Care & Birthing	Cost vary depending on your Health Fund/Policy*
Uninsured Maternity Care & Birthing	\$16,500
Medical Imaging, Pharmacy, Pathology, Anaesthetic Fees	Full Cost per Service

### Medicare Ineligible Neonate Care—Insured & Uninsured Patients

Same day/Overnight stay for baby readmitted to General Ward for treatment	\$1,700
Special Care Nursery - Same day/Overnight stay	\$3,000
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - NICU	\$4,000
Medical Imaging, Pharmacy, Pathology, Anaesthetic Fees	Full Cost per Service

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## How do I pay for my account?

### • Pay by Phone

Contact the Maternity Patient Liaison Officer to pay for your maternity services on 8345 1083

### • Pay in Person

Payments can be accepted in cash, credit card or EFTPOS. Please talk with your Maternity Patient Liaison Officer.