

Medicare Ineligible Patients



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Northeast Health Wangaratta is part of the Victorian public health care system and offers hospital care to any Australian resident under Medicare arrangements.

If you are not eligible for Medicare benefits and do not have a Medicare card, you will be required to pay for all hospital services and treatment.

This includes treatment in the Emergency Department, Inpatient Care and Accommodation and any outpatient services.

Northeast Health Wangaratta requires payment of fees prior to treatment.

The only exceptions are visitors who meet one of the following classifications:

Reciprocal Rights resident of a country that has reciprocal rights with Australia

The Australian Government has Reciprocal Health Care Agreements (RHCA) with the governments of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Sweden, The Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Slovenia, Malta* and Italy*.

**Visitors from Malta and Italy are covered for Medicare for a period of six months from date of arrival in Australia.*

These agreements may entitle a visitor to limited health services for medically necessary treatments whilst visiting Australia.

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Asylum Seekers and Refugees are provided with free medical care (including diagnostics) in Victorian hospitals.

Asylum Seekers and Refugees will need to produce appropriate documents to confirm their status from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship or a recognised asylum support agency, eg: Red Cross.

Without documentation, payment will be expected for all medical costs but can be reviewed once documents are presented.

Diagnostic charges will be raised and payable to radiology and pathology service providers. Details of costs can be obtained from the respective service provider and will require payment on the day of service.

Emergency, Inpatient & Outpatient Fees:

Fees are effective from 1st October 2021 and subject to change - request an up to date quote prior to your attendance or admission.

Emergency & Outpatients Fees

Emergency attendance	\$ 800
Outpatient clinic per consultation	\$ 140

Inpatient Fees per night/day

Acute Overnight.....	\$ 2,500
Acute Same Day.....	\$ 1,600
Short Stay Overnight.....	\$ 2,500
Short Stay Same Day.....	\$ 1,600
Intensive Care Overnight.....	\$ 6,000
Intensive Care (5+ days).....	\$ 4,500
Rehab Program 2.....	\$ 1,300
Hospital in the Home.....	\$ 500
Prosthesis fee	
.....Cost provided per procedure	
Medical fees: including pharmacy, specialists, anaesthetic etc...	
.....Cost provided per procedure	

Maternity Care Fees

Maternity care charges are available separate to these rates. Maternity patients can be covered by health insurance or can obtain rates for Medicare Ineligible maternity and baby admission by contacting the number below.

You will be required to provide the following information:

- Your passport
- Contact information whilst in Australia
- Health insurance details if applicable
- Your bank details if selecting an Obstetrics package

For further information contact :

Patient Services Team
(03) 5722 5254