

Information for Medicare Ineligible Maternity Patients

Maternity fees at Northeast Health Wangaratta for uninsured overseas visitors are available on request from the Patient Services team on (03) 5722 5254 or in person by appointment.

Two options are available:

Normal delivery \$6,000 – based on 3 day stay inclusive of bed fee and antenatal clinic visits.

Caesarean delivery \$12,500 – based on 5 day stay inclusive of bed fee, theatre, antenatal clinic visits.

What is NOT included in these options?

- Fees for the following services: pathology, x-ray, other procedures, prosthetic items or pharmacy (medications). You will be billed separately for these items.
- Some babies may require admission to special care nursery after delivery. These costs are not included in the above bundled options. If your baby requires admission to special care nursery a fee per day will also apply.
- On occasion patients will require transfer to a metropolitan facility for the birth of their baby. Costs associated with transfer to and time spent in another facility, are not included in the cost options provided at Northeast Health.
- Ambulance transport if required.

Is my newborn automatically entitled to Medicare?

No. Newborn babies take the eligibility of their mother.

For further information please visit Department of Immigration and Citizenship website:

www.immi.gov.au

Insured patients

If you have private health insurance please check with your health fund that you are covered for maternity care and that your baby will be covered. You will need to sign claim forms and invoices will be sent direct to your health fund.

You may have out of pocket expenses as noted above related to pathology, x-ray, discharge medications and pre or post natal clinic attendances.

For further information contact our Patient Services Team on (03) 5722 5254