

Lagoon Medical Centre – Fee Schedule From 1st July 2022

From Saturday, the 2nd July 2022, Lagoon Medical Centre will be transitioning into privately billing on the weekends only. Our experienced team of doctor's pride themselves in having an empathic and friendly approach, spending time with their patients, listening to their needs without the patient feeling rushed, and providing individualised patient-centred care. We are committed to promoting health, well-being and personalised care that puts our patients first.

We continue to bulk bill patients during the weekdays as one of our core values is to provide affordable healthcare services, however as the gap between the rebate increases and the costs widens, it has become more difficult to maintain a viable business by bulk billing all patients.

We are a conveniently located clinic, open seven days a week with onsite radiology and pathology.

For more information, please see the last page of this document, visit our website www.lagoonmedicalcentre.com.au, or give our friendly staff a call on (08) 6117 0480.

Standard Consultation Fees			
Appointment Type	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate
Standard, Level B	23	\$75.00	\$39.75
Long, Level C	36	\$120.00	\$76.95
Prolonged, Level D	44	\$150.00	\$113.30

After Hours Consultation Fees (After hours is between 8pm – 8am, Saturday after 1pm, all day Sunday and Public Holidays)			
Appointment Type	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate
Standard, Level B	5020	\$95.00	\$51.80
Long, Level C	5040	\$140.00	\$88.80
Prolonged, Level D	5060	\$160.00	\$124.50

Telephone Consultation Fees (Applies to weekends and public holidays only)				
Appointment type	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap
Short Consultation, under 6 mins	91890	\$55.00	\$18.20	\$36.80
Long Consultation, over 6 mins	91891	\$75.00	\$39.75	\$35.25

Please note, **new patients or **patients who have not been seen by a GP at our practice face-to-face in the last 12 months**, will not be eligible for Medicare rebates. Full payment is required on the day.*

Failure to attend / late cancellation with less than 2-hours' notice fees		
Appointment type	Time of missed appointment	Our Fee
Single appointment	In Hours	\$40.00
Double appointment	In Hours	\$80.00
Single appointment	After Hours	\$50.00
Double appointment	After Hours	\$90.00

Additional tests (Patients who are not eligible for Medicare)				
Description	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap
Electrocardiogram (ECG)	11707	\$30.00	\$19.45	NA
Spirometry (<i>Confirm diagnosis, billed annually</i>)	11505	\$50.00	\$43.50	NA
Spirometry (Lung test)	11506	\$30.00	\$21.75	NA
Ear micro suction	41647	\$130.00	\$116.15	NA
Ankle Brachial-Index (ABI)	11610	\$75.00	\$67.35	NA
Pregnancy Test	73806	NA	\$10.15	NA

Vaccination Fees				
Vaccine	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap
Influenza Vaccine	100	\$20.00	NA	
Private Vaccines	Travel Vaccine	<i>Refer to travel vaccine price list</i>	NA	

Medical Paperwork Fees				
Appointment type	Item No	Our Fee	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap
Driver's Medical (Fitness to drive)	300	\$130.00	NA	
Pre-Employment (Fitness to work capacity assessment)	301	\$140.00	NA	
Pre-Employment Fitness to work (Comprehensive – Physical Examination)	302	\$250 - \$500 <i>(Depends on paperwork)</i>	NA	
Transfer of Medical Records	304	\$20.00	NA	
Medical Report	305	Varies – check with GP	NA	
Immunisation Exemption Forms (IM011)	305	\$40.00	NA	

Skin Clinic Fees				
Appointment type	Our Fee	Item No	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap
Skin Assessment / Check	\$125.00	36	\$76.95	\$48.05
Biopsy	\$100.00	23	\$39.75	\$60.25
Excision	\$150 - \$350 <i>Doctor will advise at the time of the consultation if a higher fee</i>	23	\$39.75	Gap varies due to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complexity • Length • Region
Suturing <i>(Nil charge for children)</i>	\$90.00	23	\$39.75	\$50.25

Minor Procedure Fees					
Appointment type	Our Fee	Item No	Medicare Rebate	Out of pocket gap	Non - Medicare card holders
Implanon insertion	\$70.00	23	\$39.75	\$30.25	Item 23, \$75.00 Item 14206, \$70 = \$145.00

Implanon removal	\$80.00	23	\$39.75	\$40.25	Item 23, \$75 Item 30062 \$80 = \$155.00
Implanon insertion and removal	\$100.00	23	\$39.75	\$60.25	Item 23, \$75 Item 14206, \$70 Item 30062, \$80 = \$225.00
IUD / Mirena insertion	\$180.00	35503	\$84.75	\$95.25	Item 36, \$90 Item 35503 \$180 = \$270
IUD / Mirena removal	Nil				Item 36, \$95.00
Iron Infusion	\$170.00	36	\$76.95	\$93.05	Item 36, \$170.00
Toenail wedge resection	\$150.00	23	\$39.75	\$110.25	Item 36, \$95.00 Item 47915, \$150 = \$245.00

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Why don't we bulk bill on the weekends?

Bulk billing is when a doctor accepts the Medicare rebate paid by the government as full payment for the service they have delivered.

When the government first introduced Medicare in 1985, the rebate was at 85% of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) recommended fee. However, successive governments have failed to increase the Medicare rebate in line with inflation, and now the rebate is less than half of what the AMA recommended appointment fee is (which has increased annually in line with inflation).

Medicare rebates will vary depending on the **time and duration of the consultation**. The minimum gap payment will be from \$35.00 - \$55.00. The Medicare rebate will be processed by the reception team through Medicare online claiming. The rebate will be reflected into your nominated bank account generally within 24-48 hours.

The fees that are generated from patient appointments have to cover the expenses of running a medical centre. This includes administration costs, cleaning staff, staff wages, building leases, electricity, phones, IT support, water, computer/software fees, consumables, and so on and so forth. There is also a shortage on doctors currently and they are in high demand. As the gap between rebate increases, and the costs widens, it has become more difficult to maintain a viable business by bulk billing all patients.

Our aim at Lagoon Medical Centre is to provide consistent, high quality and individualised care, making our patients feel like they are well supported and not treated like a number.

If you have any questions about our fees, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly staff. We thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Do Not Attend / Late Cancellation Policy

There is an increasing demand for bulk billing appointments and due to the high number of non-attendances and late cancellations for GP appointments, to ensure equal access of care, we will charge a fee for any failure to attend or cancellation less than 2 hours prior to your appointment time.

Until this account is settled, your access to services at this practice will be suspended. An indefinite suspension may be issued to repeat offenders.

There are many wasted appointments each day and this decision has been made to encourage attendance and adequate cancellation notice to allow access for other patients awaiting medical care.