

Private Fee Schedule

Effective 1 August 2024

Westwood Medical Centre is a mixed billing practice.

- Private fees apply to all **standard & telehealth consultations**, except for those patients with a Medicare card who meet the bulk billing eligibility criteria.
- Bulk billing is not available on Saturdays.
- Health Assessments, GP Management Plans and Mental Health Care Plans are bulk billed for all patients.

BULK BILLING ELIGIBILITY

- New or Existing Patients **15 years of age or under**
- Those with a **Healthcare Card** or **Commonwealth Pension Card** (excludes white Seniors Card)
- **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander** patients

Patients are required to pay the **full amount** on the day of consultation (via debit or credit card only). We will process your Medicare claim instantaneously and the Medicare rebate will be refunded to your account, typically within 24 hours.

SERVICE (ITEM #)	PRIVATE FEE	MEDICARE REBATE
Short Consult (3)	\$55	\$19.60
Standard Consult < 20 mins (23)	\$80	\$42.85
Long Consult > 20 mins (36)	\$115	\$82.90
Long Consult > 40 mins (44)	\$155	\$122.15
Telephone Consult (91891)	\$80	\$42.85
Saturday after 1pm – Higher Fees Apply		
Short Consult (5000)	\$65	\$33.00
Standard Consult < 20 mins (5020)	\$90	\$55.80
Long Consult > 20 mins (5040)	\$125	\$95.70
Long Consult > 40 mins (5060)	\$165	\$134.20

The following fees apply to all patients.

STANDARD FEES APPLICABLE TO ALL PATIENTS

Taxi or Uber Drivers Licence Medical	\$115 inc. GST
Truck or Heavy Vehicle Drivers Licence Medical	\$203 inc. GST
Private Car Licence Medical	\$60 inc. GST or bulk billed for concession card holders
Implanon Insertion or Removal	\$55 out of pocket fee
Implanon Insertion & Removal (Same Day)	\$75 out of pocket fee
Procedures	\$55 out of pocket fee
Laceration Wound Care	\$75 out of pocket fee
Dressings	No charge
Pre-Employment Check	Ranges from \$170 to \$280 inc. GST
Iron Infusions	\$75 out of pocket fee
Medical Records Transfer	\$30 inc. GST (patients must pay prior to transfer)

Changes to Practice Fees

Effective 1 August 2024, a \$5 'Practice Administration Fee' will be applied to all private consults.

Why is the Practice Administration Fee being applied?

The South Australian Government and Revenue SA have recently made a decision to include privately billed practitioner billings in their assessment of payroll tax.

GPs practise with a great deal of autonomy and the assessment that they are deemed employees by state revenue bodies is in our view an incorrect and inappropriate classification of the relationship a practice has with practitioners. This is nothing short of a tax grab on general practice by a state government desperate for funds.

The imposition of this payroll tax liability falls on the practice, not the practitioner, and will result in the practice needing to pay additional annual operating costs equivalent to 4.95% of the practitioners' private billings AND employee wages.

The introduction of a practice administration fee ensures that the practice is able to meet these increased operating costs with the least possible financial burden to patients, noting that the practice typically generates income from only a small percentage of your doctor's consultation fees.

Support Primary Healthcare

Primary healthcare is the most efficient and cost-effective means to deliver healthcare within the community. We encourage all patients to object to the misinterpretation of payroll tax with your local Member of Parliament and make a stand for primary healthcare so that we can continue to deliver an affordable service to patients.

Stop the Tax Grab

Tell the SA government to ditch the tax grab!

Scan the QR code or go to
www.racgp.org.au/advocacy/pay-roll-tax
to sign the petition.



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