

# Billing policy & fee information

From 1 July 2024

Doctors practicing at Ochre are independent practitioners and they bill privately. This means patients will be charged a fee that is higher than the Medicare rebate for their consultation, in other words the Medicare rebate patients receive after paying their bill will only cover part of the total cost. These billing arrangements apply to both face-to-face and telehealth (video and phone) consultations. The only exceptions are DVA cardholders and children under 16 years of age who are bulk-billed. Pensioners, health care cardholders and students with valid identification are eligible for the discounted fees below.

	Consultation fee	Discounted fee	Medicare rebate
<b>Brief</b>	\$54.00	\$39.00	\$19.60
<b>Standard</b>	\$100.00	\$69.10	\$42.85
<b>Long</b>	\$138.00	\$105.75	\$82.90
<b>Prolonged</b>	\$174.00	\$144.50	\$122.15

## Fee payments

Fees are payable at the time of your consultation.

We have systems in place for our friendly team to process your Medicare rebate claims on the spot.

## Weekends, public holidays and after hours services

Fees may vary for consultations occurring on weekends and outside our normal business hours. These costs will be provided by our friendly reception team.

## Ear wax removal – nurse micro suction procedure

If the nurse finds no wax removal is required, there is a minimum fee of \$20 for the assessment, again with norebate available.

	Standard Fee	Health care cardholder	Rebate
<b>One ear</b>	\$90.00	\$80.00	Not available
<b>Second ear</b>	\$50.00	\$40.00	Not available

## Additional treatment room usage and card payment fees

Patients who need to visit our treatment room may be charged a fee for the services they receive in addition to their consultation fee. This fee covers the care provided by our nurses, including dressings, wound care and other procedures.

We also pass on the transaction processing fee to patients who choose to pay by card at the level we are charged. This applies to credit cards, debit cards and EFTPOS, including payments made via electronic devices.

## Results reviews and other services

Some services such as reviews of results or follow-up appointments may be bulk-billed. Other services like procedures, tests and vaccinations may incur additional costs. You will be informed of these in advance.

## Worker compensation, insurance and occupational health

We do not bill WorkCover directly unless you have a letter accepting your claim, with a claim number and billing information. If you do not have such a letter, we will bill you as normal and you will need to seek reimbursement from your employer or WorkCover.

## Cancellation policy

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please contact us to change your appointment time or cancel. We require 2 hours notice for cancellations of appointments. A fee may be charged for repeated cancellations at short notice or non-attendance of appointments. Please note that this fee is not eligible for a Medicare rebate.

## Your next booking

Book your next appointment online at [ochrehealth.com.au](http://ochrehealth.com.au) or download our free Ochre Health App to book, add to calendar, check in and get reminders and updates.

