

Medicare Ineligible Patients

Beechworth Health Service (BHS) is a public health facility. All patients utilising this facility for health care treatment must have a Medicare card. Those who are not eligible for Medicare benefits or have no Medicare card must organise payment for their treatment. Medicare ineligible patients are responsible for organising health insurance cover or money to cover their health care costs.

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

Reciprocal Health Care Agreements

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

These agreements may entitle a visitor to limited health services for medically necessary treatments whilst visiting Australia. You may not be covered if you are a student or have a 405 or 410 visa.

Please visit the Department of Human Services Medicare website for the most up to date information on [Reciprocal Health Care Agreements for visitors to Australia](#).

Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Asylum Seekers and Refugees are provided with free medical care 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, e.g.: Red Cross. Without documentation, payment will be expected for all medical costs but can be reviewed once documents are presented.

Important points to remember

- Reciprocal Health Care Agreements only exist for selected countries and conditions apply.
- It is your responsibility to ensure you have health insurance cover or money to cover the cost of your health care whilst in Australia.
- You will be charged an upfront fee if attending Urgent Care at Beechworth Health Service.
- Patients requiring admission will be charged additional fees.

Fees Effective 22/05/2020

(Fees subject to change – request an up to date quote on day of attendance or prior to admission).

ITEM	FEES
Urgent Care (per day)	\$1021
Day Stay Admission (per day)	Up to \$283
Overnight Admission (per day)	Up to \$661
Medical Fees – including pharmacy	Full cost

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ATTENDANCE:

- Your passport
- Contact information whilst in Australia
- Health insurance details if applicable

For further information

Contact Beechworth Health Service Client Services at: 03 5728 0200



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