



WEEKDAY APPOINTMENTS

Patients with a valid Australian Government Department of Human Services Commonwealth Seniors Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card, DVA Card Holders or children who are under 16 years of age and those over 80 years of age are bulk billed. Recall appointments requested by our doctors to follow up on investigations etc are also bulk billed.

* Discounted fees apply to patients. Patients over 65 years of age and Students under 25 years of age with a valid student card.

CURRENT FEES as of 1st July 2024

Patients under with a DVA GOLD Card, who are 16 years of age & over and those over 80 years of age are bulk billed. **Recall appointments requested by our doctors to follow up on investigations etc are also bulk billed.**

ITEM	FEE	*DISCOUNT	REBATE
3	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 19.60
23	\$ 90.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 42.85
36	\$ 150.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 82.90
44	\$ 190.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 122.40
IRON INFUSION	\$ 200.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 122.40
ECG	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.95
Procedures	Varies	Please check with	Reception
Consumables Additional dressings etc	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	No Rebate

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Workers Compensation

Reports, Medical Information files and case conferences will continue to be invoiced to Insurance companies.

Workers Compensation – full fee payable at the time of consultation by the patient

All WorkCover claims do not attract a Medicare rebate.

Our reception staff will explain the process at the time of consultation. Workers Compensation Fees are as per SIRA rates 2022.



Brief Consultation: **\$51.00** (No Medicare Rebate)
Standard Consultation: **\$ 102.00** (No Medicare Rebate)
Long Consultation: **\$188.00** (No Medicare Rebate)
Prolonged Consultation: **\$ 285.00** (No Medicare Rebate)
For Workers Compensation a Certificate of capacity is payable on the 1st consultation of **\$ 53.80** (inc GST)
Medical Records \$65.30 electronic, \$41.40 paper up to 33 pages \$1.40 additional pages inc postage
Case Conference: **\$ 26.90 plus GST** (inc GST \$29.59 per: 5 mins) Invoiced by the practice
Patients will need to claim their fees and submit their certificates of capacity to their insurance companies.

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WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS

We are a fully private billing practice on weekends and public holidays. A reduced fee is charged for children under 16, pension and concession card holders' and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people for consultations.

Please note that consultations on Weekends or Public Holidays will attract a higher fee to the usual schedule as these are considered after-hours consultations.

The table below shows our current prices:

Sundays and Public Holidays	Private Fee	Medicare Rebate	GAP
Level A Consultation less than 5 Minutes	\$60.00	\$30.65	\$29.35
Level B Consultation less than 20 Minutes	\$100.00	\$51.80	\$48.20



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Sundays and Public Holidays	Private Fee	Medicare Rebate	GAP
Level C Consultation less than 40 Minutes	\$150.00	\$88.80	\$61.20
Level D Consultation less than 40 Minutes	\$225.00	\$124.50	\$100.50

*Medicare rebates are an estimate, please be aware this may vary depending on changes to the Medicare rebate scheduled approved by the Commonwealth Government.

ON THE DAY and EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS

Braidwood Medical Centre Health provides a flexible appointment system which can accommodate patients with urgent, non-urgent, complex, planned and chronic and preventative health care.

A scheduled visit is required for practice appointments

We ask that a long consultation is requested for complex problems (2 or more issues), insurance and pre-employment medicals. If there is another family member to be seen please book an additional appointment for them.

We have a policy that we will fit in a child on the day if a parent is concerned that the issue is serious. Please make sure that you clearly communicate concerns about young children to our reception staff.

Our doctors endeavour to keep to their scheduled appointment times. At times doctors may be delayed. We apologise for this and suggest that you phone ahead of your appointment time and ask the receptionist to check if your appointment will be on time.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

The Practice provides a health service that accommodates a diverse multicultural population including those with disability.

Patients are encouraged to use the free [Translation and Interpreting Service](#). This free service is



available 24 hours a day via telephone 131 450. Another free interpreting service is available for patients who are deaf and use Australian sign language (AUSLAM). Their contact details are 1800 246 945.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Our doctors would prefer that you have your medications and prescriptions reviewed at the time of consultation. This is important as medication errors are possible and avoidable. However, it is recognised that prescriptions are required often, and an appointment is either not needed or unavailable. In these circumstances, a repeat prescription service is available to request a repeat prescription for a fee of \$30.00, payable at the time of order.

Some medications are not available through this service and in some circumstances, the doctor will decline to provide a prescription in the interests of better care. If this is the case, your fee will be refunded, and an appointment will be made when available. Please take note of the Terms and Conditions when ordering your prescription.

If you have any questions, please contact your local medical centre.

TEST RESULTS

When a doctor is requesting tests for you, please discuss with your doctor how the results will be communicated to you. If you have not received feedback on your test after 14 days, please contact reception and they will organise for the doctor, who requested the tests to call you, or make an appointment for you to discuss your results with another doctor.

Reminder and Recalls

Our Practices are committed to preventative care. We may issue you a reminder notice from time to



time offering you preventative health services appropriate to your care. If you do not wish to be a part of this system please notify your doctor or reception.

NON-ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please note a Non-Attendance Fee of \$40 is payable if a patient does not attend their doctor's appointment or if the appointment is cancelled with less than two hours' notice.

VACCINES & PROCEDURAL FEES

For all vaccination and procedural costs please ask one of our friendly receptionists. Your doctor will explain any additional costs to you and obtain your consent prior to receiving treatment.

- Any consultations requiring additional services may be charged a procedural equipment fee of between \$10 – \$100.
- Travel vaccines will incur a private fee also for the purchase of the vaccine as they are not covered by Medicare.

EMPLOYMENT, INSURANCE AND OTHER MEDICAL ASSESSMENTS

Pre-employment medical assessments and other medical assessments are also privately billed. The cost will depend on the length and complexity of the medical assessment. Reception is able to give a price guide, but cost will be determined by the doctor at time of consult.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

You will not be charged for making a request to access your records.



You will be charged for the cost of processing your request. We will calculate the charge for access to your personal information based on the amount of work needed to process your request. This may include:

Activity	Cost
Search, Retrieval, Supervised Inspection, Decision Making and Information Correction	\$50.00 per hour
Cost of Postage or Delivery	At cost
Transcript of Records	\$10.00 per page
Photocopying of Records	15 cents per page

WHY DO WE CHARGE A FEE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES?

At Braidwood Medical Centre the quality care that you receive is a product of the dedication and expertise of our staff.

Current and previous governments have failed to regularly increase the Medicare rebates to reflect the higher costs of delivering health and medical care in rural and remote communities. This means Medicare rebates have never kept pace with the cost of living and have never covered the true cost of delivering quality medical care in rural and remote communities.

These charges ensures that Braidwood Medical Centre can guarantee free access to care for members of our communities for whom cost is a barrier to health care, while ensuring that we can continue to provide you and your family with high quality healthcare by ensuring we are able to cover the ever-increasing costs of providing health and medical services to your community.

Braidwood Medical Centre subsidises your healthcare by setting our fees lower than the current recommended fee schedule set by the Australia Medical Association (AMA).

FEE PAYMENT



All fees are due and payable at the time of consultation. Braidwood Medical Centre offers EFTPOS, Visa and Mastercard payment options. Medicare rebates processed through our Tyro payment system are directly deposited back onto your debit card. Please enquire with reception for more information.