

Fees at Vermont Health Care

The doctors at Vermont Health Care set their own fees and the following fee schedule, effective from the 1st October, is intended as a guide to the fees your doctor may charge.

Quality care costs, and each doctor's fee needs to reflect the increasing costs associated with providing high quality care in the Australian community. If the fee is expected to be more than that indicated below you will be advised beforehand of the likely cost.

You will be expected to pay the full fee on the day of service. You can then have Medicare deposit into your account the rebate (usually within 24 hours) leaving you with an out-of-pocket cost which is generally no more than \$52 for a regular appointment, and no more than \$79 for long appointments

Most of the doctors recognise that because of inadequate medicare rebates, some in the community will find it difficult to pay the full cost of their care. They have therefore set aside some times during the week when Bulk Billing is available but this is generally limited to:

- children 15 years and under, Pensioners and Concession Card holders; and
- only available week days from 8am to 5:45pm.

Similarly concession rates may apply to students under 25 years as well as Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders.

If you are concerned about whether your consultation can be bulk billed or about the fee you may be charged you should check this with the receptionist at the time of booking.

Fee Schedule for commonly charged items from 1st October, 2026

	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Rebate</i>	<i>Gap</i>
<i>In Surgery Consultations</i>			
Item 23 (Standard Consultation)	\$95.00	\$45.05	\$49.95
Item 36 (Long Consultation)	\$163.00	\$87.10	\$75.90
<i>Concession Rate In Surgery Consultations</i>			
Item 23 (Standard Consultation)	\$85.00	\$45.05	\$39.95
Item 36 (Long Consultation)	\$126.00	\$87.10	\$38.90
<i>Telephone Consultations</i>			
Item 91890 (< 6 minute consultation)	\$45.00	\$20.55	\$24.45
Item 91891 (> 6 minute consultation)*	\$95.00	\$45.05	\$49.95
<i>After Hours Rate (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays)</i>			
Item 5020 (Standard Consultation)	\$109.00	\$58.65	\$50.35
Item 5040 (Long Consultation)	\$177.00	\$100.55	\$76.45

*Telephone appointments are for simple consultations (script renewals, results reviews) or due to COVID isolation requirements. If your appointment is after hours or is longer than 10 minutes, the fee charged may be more than \$95.

Home Visits

A few of the doctors still do home visits when this is really necessary. The schedule below provides indicative costs which should be agreed with the doctor at the time of booking.

<i>Home Visits</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Rebate</i>	<i>Gap</i>
24/1 (Std)	\$151.00	\$76.55	\$74.45
37/1 (Long)	\$219.00	\$118.80	\$100.20
<i>Discount home visits (for pensioners only)</i>			
24/1 (Std)	\$141.00	\$76.55	\$64.45
37/1 (Long)	\$182.00	\$118.80	\$63.20

Medical Procedures

Procedures vary in cost and complexity and so procedure fees also vary with cost and complexity. Procedures such as minor surgery eg: suturing, removal of skin lumps/cancers may attract an extra fee for all patient categories. Please discuss the expected cost with your doctor before the procedure.

Workcover

For Workcover matters you should be aware that because of the increasing workload associated with workers compensation cases coupled with inadequate rebates for this work many of the doctors are now moving away from billing the employer or insurer directly. You are therefore likely to be charged a private fee and will have to pay the account and claim the cost back from your employer who may not cover the full cost of the service. You should discuss this directly with your doctor and employer or their insurer.

Allied Health

<i>Physiotherapy</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Initial – Standard & Concession	\$150.00
Review – Standard & Concession	\$125.00
Medicare GPCCMP/CDMP/EPC**	\$110.00

**Those with a valid Care Plan will be out of pocket \$46.60 for Physiotherapy (Pay \$110 on the day with Medicare Rebate to you \$63.40). We can process Physiotherapy Private Health Insurance claims for private fees at the time of your visit.

Please note that the Podiatrist, Michael Sezenias, who works from the rooms at Vermont manages his own appointments, billings and health insurance claims. Please discuss these with Michael directly.