

## Fees at Vermont Health Care

At Vermont Health Care we do not compromise on the quality of the care we provide. We are careful to recruit only the best medical staff. We are continuously investing in technology. The practice is fully accredited by Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd.

None of this comes without cost, and our fees need to reflect the high costs associated with provided high quality care in the Australian community. An increase to the government rebate came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. We have adjusted our fees accordingly. The following fee schedule is effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **For Consultations at the Surgery or by Telehealth/Telephone**

We ask that you pay the whole account on the day of service. For consultations that are paid for at the time of service the maximum out of pocket cost should be no more than \$35 regardless of the length of the consultation \*

If during your telehealth/telephone consultation you are invited down for a consultation at the surgery, you will not be privately billed for the initial telehealth/telephone consultation.

### **Bulk-billing For Consultations**

***Children under 16 are generally bulk-billed***, this includes evenings and weekends

***Pensioners and concession card holders will be bulk billed on weekdays before 6pm***

Bulk-billing is not available at all after 6pm (children excepted) and is not necessarily available for procedures

On weekends and public holidays only pension card holders and children are bulk billed.

***We offer a concession rate to full time students under 25***

### **Medical Procedures**

Procedures vary in cost and complexity and so our procedure fees also vary with cost and complexity. You should not usually be more than \$95 “out of pocket” for procedures at Vermont Health Care. Please discuss the expected cost with your doctor before the procedure.

### **Workcover**

For Workcover matters you should be aware that you are responsible for the account until your employer has agreed to pay your medical fees. Usually you will have to pay the account and claim the cost back from your employer. Once your claim has been accepted by a workcover insurer we will generally bill the insurer directly.

*Our revised fee schedule is overleaf - effective 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.*

## Fee Schedule for commonly charged items from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

	<b>Our Fee</b>	<b>Rebate</b>	<b>Gap</b>
<b><i>Surgery/Telehealth/Telephone Consultations</i></b>			
23 / 91800 / 91809 (Std Consult)	\$73.00	\$38.75	\$34.25
36 / 91801 / 91810 (Long Consult)	\$110.00	\$75.05	\$34.95
<b><i>Sundays and Public Holidays</i></b>			
5020 (Std Consultation)	\$85.00	\$50.55	\$34.45
5040 (Long Consultation)	\$121.00	\$86.60	\$34.40

<b>Home Visits</b>	<b>Our Fee</b>	<b>Rebate</b>	<b>Gap</b>
24/1 (Std)	\$120.00	\$65.90	\$54.10
37/1 (Long)	\$157.00	\$102.20	\$54.80
<b><i>Discount home visits (for pensioners only)</i></b>			
24/1 (Std)	\$85.00	\$65.90	\$19.10
37/1 (Long)	\$122.00	\$102.20	\$19.80

Procedures such as minor surgery eg: suturing, removal of skin lumps/cancers may attract an extra fee for all patient categories. Please discuss with your treating GP at the time of consultation.

As previously noted the out of pocket payment for **consultations** at the Surgery or via telehealth/telephone generally do not exceed \$35.00\*

\* Those who are *not* regular patients of Vermont Health Care or Nunawading Clinic may be charged an additional fee if seen after 1pm on Saturday or Sunday afternoon