



WDHC has provided quality, fully bulk-billed medical care to the local community. The costs of running an accredited medical practice, such as ours, continue to rise, and Medicare rebates have not kept pace. We have now been a mixed-billing practice for 12 months and have made the difficult decision to increase our charges.

Therefore, Western Downs Health Centre will increase to the below prices as of 1st August 2023.

What will this mean for you?

- You may have some out-of-pocket costs associated with your GP attendances/services. Details about these fees can be found here or ask reception staff for more information.
- Patients under the age of 18 years and eligible concession cardholders will continue to be bulk-billed.
- We will be able to process your refund through Medicare at the time of your visit.

We appreciate that this is a significant change for our practice and are grateful for your understanding.

<u>Consultation</u>	<u>Normal Fee</u>	<u>Medicare Refund</u>
Short Consultation (<5 minutes)	\$43.20	\$18.20
Standard Consultation (10 minutes)	\$69.75	\$39.75
Long Consultation (20 minutes)	\$126.95	\$76.95
Pension, HCC, DVA & ATSI	Bulk Billed	
Over 65	Bulk Billed	
Under 18	Bulk Billed	

The doctors' fees are payable at the time of the consultation by either cash or EFTPOS. If you are attending our practice and paying by EFTPOS, we are able to pay your Medicare rebate immediately back into your nominated bank account if your account details are registered with Medicare. If you are paying via phone your Medicare rebate can be claimed online through your myGov account or by visiting your nearest Medicare office.