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# FEE UPDATE

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## **Our fees are changing**

Today Medicare rebates do not cover the full cost of providing you with medical care. This is because the rate at which successive governments have indexed the Medicare Schedule fees has been substantially lower than increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and average weekly earnings.

The reality is that Medicare rebates do not cover the cost of providing you with a safe and high quality service. The fees charged by this practice have to cover all of our practice costs including employing receptionists and meeting our operating expenses such as rent, medical equipment, electricity, computers and insurance.

Medicare rebates have been frozen since 1 November 2012 and will not be increased until 2020.

It is not possible for this practice to meet our running costs each year without increasing our fees. The Medicare rebate freeze means that this practice is no longer able to bulk bill all of our patients.

From 10/12/2018 our practice will be charging you the following fees for our most common services as given below: If you have extenuating circumstances please discuss these with your treating medical practitioner.

If you wish to let the Government know that the Medicare rebate is insufficient to assist you in meeting the cost of your medical care, please contact your local Member of Parliament at [http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators\\_and\\_Members/Members](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members) and/or the Minister for Health

<b>Fee Structure</b>				
<b>MBS Item</b>	<b>Day of the Week</b>	<b>Fee *</b>	<b>Medicare Rebate</b>	<b>Out of Pocket</b>
291- Assessment and Report	a. Mon-Fri	\$600	\$390.55	209.45
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$650	\$390.55	\$259.45
293- Review of 291	a. Mon-Fri	\$500	\$244.15	\$255.85
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$550	\$244.15	\$305.85
296-Initial follow up consultation	a.Mon-Fri	\$400	\$224.6	\$175.40
	B.Saturdays and Public holidays	\$450	\$224.6	\$225.40
300-15 Min Follow Up	a.Mon-Fri	\$75	\$37.4	\$37.60
	B.Saturdays and Public holidays	\$100	37.4	\$62.60
302- 30min Follow up	a.Mon-Fri	\$150	\$74.60	\$75.40
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$175	\$74.60	\$100.40
304-45Min follow up	a. Mon-Fri	\$225	\$114.85	\$110.15
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$250	\$114.85	\$135.15
306-60min follow up	a. Mon-Fri	\$300	\$158.45	\$141.55
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$325	\$158.45	\$166.55
308-75min Follow up	a. Mon-Fri	\$375	\$183.90	\$191.10
	b.Saturdays and Public Holidays	\$400	\$183.90	\$216.10
348 -20-45 minutes Family/Friend Consultation	a. Mon-Sat	\$109.40	\$109.40	-
350 - 45 minutes Family/Friend Consultation	a. Mon-Sat	\$151.00	\$151.00	-
352 - 25 minutes + Family/Friend Consultation	a. Mon-Sat	\$109.4	\$109.4	-

