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#### Summer 2020

#### **General Practitioners:**

**Dr Maria Dias**MBBS (NSW), FRACGP

**Dr Michelle Doan-Vance** MBBS (Syd), FRACGP

**Dr Amy Nguyen** MBBS (Monash), FRACGP

**Dr Jeremy Nguyen**MBBS (NSW), FRACGP

**Dr Marek Steiner** MBBS (Syd), FRACGP

**Dr Melissa Tang** MD (NSW Uni), FRACGP

**Dr Ying Shi Zhou** MBBS (Newcastle), FRACGP

#### Specialist Paediatrician:

**Dr Tony Liu**MBBS (Syd), FRACP

**Aviation Medicine:** 

**Dr Marek Steiner** MBBS, DAME (CASA)

Practice Nurses RN Sophia Qiu RN Saera Han

Practice Manager: Mrs Kes Steiner BEng(Civil), MBA

#### **Opening Hours:**

Mon-Fri 8am - 6.00pm Sat 8am - 12.30pm Sun & PH closed

AFTER HOURS BULK BILLED HOME VISITS Ph 13 74 25 (Home Drs) Ph 8724 6300 (Syd Med Service)

In an emergency call 000

# Introduction of GP consultation fees From 1st of January 2020

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 practice nurses, and meeting our operating expenses such as rent, medical equipment, supplies, electricity, computers and insurance.

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

From **1st January 2020** our practice will be charging you fees for most GP services — for a detailed overview of the new schedule see overleaf.

Our practice has decided to continue Bulk billing children, students, and DVA patients Monday to Friday. We will also Bulk bill consultations for care plans and health assessments (75 and over). Children up to and including age 15 will be bulk billed on Saturday as well.

As part of our commitment to chronic disease management, we will be bulk billing patients with diabetes when attending for regular diabetes review consultations Mon-Fri (fee will apply for other issues).

Our practice nurses will also continue to assist our GPs in delivering services such as injections, wound management, ear syringing, etc. These appointments will be largely Bulk billed.

For those on concessions cards and pensioners we will be charging discounted fees with low gap fees.

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 <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators\_and\_Members/Members">http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators\_and\_Members/Members</a> (Dr Fiona Martin MP for REID) and/or the Minister for Health (The Hon Greg Hunt MP).



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Allied Health by Appointment:

#### **Podiatrists:**

**Mr Marco Mangano**DipHScPod

Mr Raj Yesireddy MPodMed (WestSyd)

#### **Psychologists:**

Ms Alicia Mehta BAPsych(Hons), MPsych Ms Helene Beattie BAPsych,MAPS

#### Dietitian:

**Ms Jutta Wright** APD, MAppSc, MNutDiet

Acupuncture / Remedial Massage / Chinese Med

Ms Jennifer Raicevich BHSc(ChMed), DipRM

MedGym Local
Ms Nicholle Cooke-Hayes
ESSAM AEP BAppSc

#### Hours:

Mon – Fri 8.00am - 3.00pm Ph: 0451 886 773 medgymlocal.com.au

Laverty Pathology
Collection Centre
Onsite - level 1
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#### **Pathology Hours:**

Mon – Fri 8.00am - 3.00pm Sat 8.00am - 11.00am **Ph: 9005 7000** 

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## Limited Bulk Billing Monday to Friday

We will continue to BULK BILL the following patients and services:

- Children (up to and including age 15 also bulk billed on Saturday)
- Students, including university and TAFE students
- DVA patients
- Care plans, care plan reviews and aged care health assessments
- Diabetes-only related consultations and diabetes reviews
- Some nursing tasks, eg. Ear syringing, Prolia and Vit B12 injections, wound dressings and reviews

### Standard GP Consultation Fee Schedule

Monday to Friday	Fee	Rebate	Gap
Standard Consultation (Level B) Single standard issue (cough and cold, UTI, etc)	\$70.00	\$38.20	\$31.80
Long Consultation (Level C) A complex issue or list of multiple issues	\$110.00	\$73.95	\$36.05
Mental Health Care Plan (Item 2715) For referral to a psychologist under Medicare	\$130.00	\$92.50	\$37.50
Extended Consultation (Level D)  Multiple complex issues	\$150.00	\$108.85	\$41.15
Saturday Surcharge for every appointment \$10			

## Discounted GP Consultation Fee Schedule

Concession and Pension card holders

Monday to Friday	Fee	Rebate	Gap
Standard Consultation (Level B) Single standard issue (cough and cold, UTI, etc)	\$50.00	\$38.20	\$11.80
Long Consultation (Level C) A complex issue or list of multiple issues	\$85.00	\$73.95	\$11.05
Mental Health Care Plan (Item 2715) For referral to a psychologist under Medicare	\$105.00	\$92.50	\$13.50
Extended Consultation (Level D)  Multiple complex issues	\$120.00	\$108.85	\$11.15
No discounts for Saturday appointments			

For more details and other fees see our website www.medplaza.com.au / About