

Procedure Fees (Private Fee)

All Procedures and Skin Clinic Procedures are billed privately they are not Bulk Billed to Medicare

Your Doctor will discuss fees for Procedures with you. All procedures attract a Facility fee of \$30 or \$60 payable on the day of the procedure.

Facility Fees (Private Fee)

Procedures that will attract an out of pocket Facility fee of \$30 or \$60 include:

Excisions (including skin clinic)

Punch Biopsy

Wedge Resection

Implanon Insertion & Removal

Laceration repairs

Any other procedure that requires specialised equipment or nursing care.

This fee is payable on the day of the procedure and is not Medicare rebatable.

Billing for Skin procedures: Once the procedure has been completed your doctor will send the sample off for pathology and once the pathology result comes back you will be billed privately for the appropriate Medicare item number at the Medicare rebate amount. **You will be required to pay the account in full** and then claim the Medicare rebate back from Medicare. The Medicare rebate fee may vary between \$90 - \$500 depending on the pathology result and what corresponding item number is required to be charged. (Following completion of billing you will only be out of pocket the \$30 or \$60 facility fee)

Billing for all other procedures: Once the procedure has been completed your doctor will bill the appropriate item number plus the facility fee of either \$30 or \$60. **You will be required to pay the account in full** on the day and then claim the Medicare rebate back (Following completion of billing you will only be out of pocket the \$30 or \$60 facility fee)

****Please note:** due to Medicare legislation regarding the charging of private fees, patients who are normally bulk billed will be charged the rebate amount for the associated consultation rather than being bulk billed at the time of billing the Facility Fee. Medicare will refund the rebate amount directly to the patient so there will not be an out of pocket expense for the consultation fee.

For more information on why this fee is charged in this manner, please read Bulk Billing and Dressing/Additional Fees Explained.