



BILLING POLICY

Little Gem Medical is a Universal Bulk Billing practice effect 1st November 2025.

1. Consults are Bulk Billed

Bulk billing is the process of a doctor billing Medicare, Australia's public health insurance scheme, directly for the services provided to the patient, so there are no out-of-pocket expenses.

All doctors at Little Gem Medical now Bulk Bill all medical consults for all Medicare covered patients.

2. Fees for Procedures

Procedures requiring a more specialised skill and use of supplies will incur a flat fee to cover costs. This will be discussed with your Doctor prior to the service being provided.

Procedures include, but are not limited to, Excisions, Implanon insertion/removal, Iron Infusions, Spirometry, ECGs, Cryotherapy and Ear Syringe.

3. National Immunisation Program

The National Immunisation Program provides government funded vaccinations for infants and children, pregnant women, seniors, First Nation's people and anyone under Medicare with a condition that puts them at greater risk of certain disease.

Any immunisations outside of the National Immunisation Program will incur a cost to the patient which will be confirmed prior to anything be administered.

Program eligibility and the immunisations covered is detailed [here](#).

4. Questions and Answers

a. What if I have travelled from overseas and I am not covered by Medicare?

You will be asked to privately pay for the consult at a fee determined by the specific Doctor.

b. What happens if I have a Newborn without a Medicare Card?

Newborn babies who are waiting on their new Medicare cards will have payments 'held' until they reach 3 months of age and then bulk billed when the card is received. It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure Little Gem receives the new Medicare card.

c. What if I have a Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) card?

If you have a Veteran Gold Card, DVA will cover the cost of all medical conditions.

If you have a Veteran White Card, DVA will cover the cost of medical care for an approved war or service caused injury or disease.