

Coastal Orthopaedic Group Billing Information 2019



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CONSULTATION FEES

Unfortunately Medicare rebates have not kept pace with the cost of delivering high quality health care. Pensioners and Concession Card holders are charged a reduced fee. However, for your consultation there will be an amount outstanding after Medicare pays a portion.

We are able to lodge your Medicare claim direct from our office. If Medicare has your bank details the rebate will be paid directly into your bank account within 24-48hrs of lodgment. Medicare no longer sends out cheques to unlinked patients, so please check that your bank details are correct with Medicare to ensure your rebate is lodged.

Please note that your private health fund only covers inpatient services, and therefore does not provide a rebate for consultation fees. It would be appreciated if accounts can be settled at the time of your consultation.

Please see the table below for a list of indicative fees, Medicare Rebates and the out of pocket gap.

<u>PRIVATE PATIENT</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>MEDICARE REBATE</u>	<u>GAP</u>
MBS Item 104:	First Consultation	\$185	\$73.85	\$111.15
MBS Item 105:	Follow Up Consultation	\$105	\$37.15	\$67.85
<u>PENSIONER/CONCESSION CARD</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>MEDICARE REBATE</u>	<u>GAP</u>
MBS Item 104:	First Consultation	\$135	\$73.85	\$61.15
MBS Item 105:	Follow Up Consultation	\$85	\$37.15	\$47.85
<u>NON REBATEABLE ITEMS</u>		<u>FEE</u>	<u>MEDICARE REBATE</u>	<u>GAP</u>
Joint/Soft Tissue Injections (for Synvisc, patient will be given a prescription to obtain the product first)		\$100	\$0	\$100
CAM Walker Boot <i>*check with your Healthfund regarding possible rebates</i>		\$100	\$0	\$100
BodyICE Kit		\$50	\$0	\$50

SURGICAL FEES

Your private health insurance covers services provided as a hospital inpatient. This includes the hospital stay, surgical fees (including diagnostic/therapeutic injections performed in the operating theatre) and ancillary services. Please contact your health fund with any questions regarding what may or may not be covered.

In an effort to limit out of pocket costs to patients, our surgical fees are significantly less than those recommended by the Australian Medical Association. Surgical fees are partially covered by Medicare and your Private Health Fund.

We are preferred providers with most major private health funds if surgery is required. This means you will receive the maximum available rebate from your health fund. We will ensure you understand the surgical fees payable by Medicare, your Health Fund and any Gaps due by obtaining your informed financial consent prior to surgery.