

Medicare Ineligible Patients

Orbost Regional Health is a public health care facility.

Any patient who is not eligible for Medicare benefits will be required to pay Orbost Regional Health **upfront for all medical care and services.**

This includes all outpatient visits, Urgent Care attendances as well as inpatient care and accommodation.

Overseas visitors are treated as a Medicare Ineligible Patient, unless they are from a country with which Australia has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement.

A MEDICARE INELIGIBLE PERSON is any visitor to Australia who:

DOES NOT hold a valid Medicare card,

or DOES NOT fall under one of the following classifications:

- Reciprocal Rights
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Diplomats
- Overseas Students

- **Reciprocal Rights:** the Australian Government has Reciprocal Health Care Agreements with the governments of the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, Norway, Slovenia, Malta and Italy.

Visitors from Malta & Italy are covered for Medicare for a period of six months from date of arrival in Australia.

- **Asylum Seekers and Refugees:** Asylum Seekers and Refugees are provided with free medical care (including diagnostic services) in Victorian hospitals. Asylum Seekers/

Refugees will need to produce appropriate documents confirming their status from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship or a recognised asylum support agency, such as Red Cross.

If this document is not produced you will be expected to pay for all medical costs; however the fee will be waived once the documents are presented.

- **Diplomats:** Diplomats and their families are covered by Medicare for medical care as private patients in a public or private hospital. Such persons are eligible for, and generally will hold, a Medicare card.
- **Overseas Students:** All foreign students studying in Australia, with the exception of students from Sweden and Norway, are required to take out Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

What does a Medicare Ineligible Patient pay for?

A Medicare Ineligible Patient is responsible for all of their health costs including any transport cost. This includes fees and charges for:

- Inpatient care
- Accommodation
- Urgent Care attendances
- Outpatient visits
- Doctor's visits
- Diagnostic tests, including pathology and radiology
- Discharge medication
- Allied Health (eg., Physiotherapy, Dietitian) visits
- Transport

All Overseas visitors are required to provide the following information;

- Your passport
- Visa documentation & date of entry validation
- Credit Card details
- Contact information during your stay in Australia
- Relevant health insurance policy details

Health Insurance

Depending on the visa classification type, it is a mandatory requirement that overseas visitors have health insurance cover while staying in Australia.

If visa holders are not meeting their health insurance conditions, they are considered in breach of their visa requirement.

Accommodation, Urgent Care and Outpatient Fees

Patient Classification	Fees & Charges
Accommodation charges –fees per day	
Same day	
-single room	\$400
-shared ward	\$400
Overnight [multi-day]	
-Single room	\$830
-Shared ward	\$750
Special Observations Unit	
1 to 4 days	\$1,546
Urgent Care Department <i>(inclusive of medical practitioner fees)</i>	\$500
Outpatients – fee per encounter	
Medical	\$320
Allied Health	\$170
Radiology -	per MBS item no.



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FURTHER INFORMATION:

For more advice or information regarding Medicare access and Medicare Ineligibility at Orbost Regional Health contact:

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Department of Health and Human services
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/feesman/fees6.htm>

INTERPRETER SERVICES:

Ask your Nurse or Reception staff for assistance to arrange interpreting services through VITS - Victorian Interpreting and Telephone Services.



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Information for patients

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services Victorian Admitted Episodes
Dataset (VAED) website
www.hdss.health.vic.gov.au/vaed

