

INFORMATION ABOUT BILLING – CHEMOTHERAPY**F026F**

Dear Patient,

The purpose of this document is to provide you with information about the accounts that you can expect to receive from us as well as further information about the costs associated with your Chemotherapy.

Day Bed Admission Account

You will be required to sign a “National Private Patient Claim Form” on the days of your chemotherapy treatment, which is to cover for the day bed admission fee. This form is sent directly to your health fund with the account to cover this fee.

However, if you have not reached your excess and/or have a co-payment associated with your cover the health fund will not pay the total amount and will send the account back to you for payment. We will do an eligibility check before your treatment so you know about any additional cost before you start treatment.

If you have any queries about your health fund policy please ask our staff on reception.

Administration of Chemotherapy

If our online claim service is not used you will be asked to pay your administration fee on the day of your chemotherapy. This fee is fully claimable through Medicare and your health fund, Medicare pays 75% and your Health Fund will pay the remaining 25%. The administration fee costs are in the table below:

		If Self Insured / Uninsured:	
Treatment Duration	Schedule Fee	75% Rebate	Gap (25%)
Less than 1hr	\$65.05	\$48.80	\$ 9.75
1 to 6hrs	\$97.95	\$73.50	\$14.65
More than 6hrs	\$110.80	\$83.10	\$16.60
Blood Transfusion	\$83.35	\$62.55	\$20.80

Uninsured Patients

Day Bed Admissions - If you are not in a health fund the fee for this service ranges from \$500 to \$650 depending on the length of time required for treatment to be administered.

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Administration of Chemotherapy - non-insured patients: The fee for this service is charged at the Medicare Schedule fee, which is the same as the list above. Medicare will rebate 75% of the schedule fee and you will have to pay the gap.

Pharmacy

If any medication dispensed on the day we ask that you pay for the medication at the reception desk.

Seeing Your Medical Oncologist

If you are receiving treatment and seeing your medical oncologist on the same day then your consultation fee is covered by the health fund and Medicare.

However, if you do see your medical oncologist on a separate day (follow up day, not initial consult) you will have to pay for your consultation which is \$150 with a Medicare rebate of \$64.20

Paying Your Chemotherapy Account(s)

The Northern Cancer Institute asks that you settle all accounts at the end of each chemotherapy treatment with our staff at the reception desk.

If you feel that your financial circumstances are such that you cannot afford the required treatment please feel free to discuss this with our Accounts Staff, Nursing Unit Manager or your Medical Oncologist as they may be able to offer some form of assistance.

Referrals

It is very important to have an up-to-date referral when you are seeing the Doctor.

Medicare may pay at a lower rate or refuse to pay if your referral has expired. Please note that specialist referral are only valid for 3 months. So that you can obtain the maximum rebate from Medicare you must have a referral that is up-to-date please ask your GP for an indefinite/ongoing referral.

To determine the status of your referral or if you have any questions relating to these procedures or about an account that you have received please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Department on

1. Frenchs Forest (02) 94534475
2. St Leonards (02) 8037 4100.
3. Southside Cancer Care Centre (02) 85569300

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