



Schedule : Revisions to the WA Health fees and charges manual

Revision ID	Revision	Version Number	Section Name	Scope of Changes	Summary of Revision	Reason for Revision	Effective Date	Approval	Notes
58	Update to medication fee tables including Chapter 6: Medication Supply Arrangements	2023/24 v1.03	Update to PBS general and concessional co-payments, dispensing and compounding fees, and safety net thresholds	Fee updates	Fees for patient co-payments for PBS and Non-PBS medications have been updated throughout the Manual. Minor updates to compounding and dispensing fees for subsidised meds. Safety net thresholds updated in line with January 2024 updates.	To adjust fees to reflect increases in Commonwealth set fees applying from the 1st January. Realignment of compounding and dispensing fees and safety net thresholds with PBS values applying from the 1st January.	02/02/2024	G. Clifford	
57	Update to Nursing Home and Hostel Resident Fees	2023/24 v1.02	Update to Nursing Home and Hostel Resident Fees	Fee updates	Fees for Nursing Home and Respite Care have been updated throughout the manual.	To reflect updated fees published by the Department of Health and Aged Care for long-term residential aged care residents applying from 20th September 2023.	20/09/2023	G. Clifford	
56	Addition of policy relating to provision of non-chargeable medications in accordance with the procedures of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019	2023/24 v1.02	6.16 Specific Patient Groups Supply Arrangement - Voluntary Assisted Dying	Policy addition	New policy to ensure that medications supplied in accordance with procedures of the <i>Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019</i> by the Statewide Pharmacy Service are non-chargeable.	To reflect the current process and legislation.	12/12/2023	G. Clifford	
55	Update to the Asylum Seeker Policy relating to the provision of free health services to displaced Ukrainian nationals.	2023/24 v1.02	1.3 Medicare Exemptions - Asylum Seekers	Policy update	Update to the Asylum Seekers policy to broaden the definition and provide guidelines for the free treatment of Medicare-ineligible Ukrainian nationals.	The definition of an asylum seeker in the existing policy did not cover all displaced Ukrainian nationals. A sub-section specific to Ukrainian nationals was added to ensure they are not charged for hospital services as committed to by the Western Australian government.	12/12/2023	G. Clifford	
54	Update to Nursing Home Type Patient fees	2023/24 v1.02	Update to Nursing Home Type Fees	Fee updates	Fees for Nursing Home Type Patients have been updated throughout the Manual.	To adjust fees to reflect increases in Commonwealth set fees and ensure consistency with gazetted rates applying from the 9th November 2023.	09/11/2023	G. Clifford	
53	Update to fees for Specialised Orthoses for Adults	2023/24 v1.01	Schedule A4: Specialised Orthoses for Adults	Fee updates	Schedule A4 pricing updated.	Update to pricing to reflect cost recovery for manufacture and supply of specialist orthoses.	01/08/2023	G. Clifford	
52	Minor content revision to sub-section Medicare Eligibility of Diplomats under section 2.3 Specific Issues Relating to Reciprocal Health Care Agreements	2023/24 v1.00	Medicare Eligibility of Diplomats	Content change	Removed reference to Norway, made minor revisions to text to clarify entitlements and inserted reference to Appendix L: Reciprocal Health Care Agreement Matrix	Norwegian diplomats, consular officers and their families are specifically excluded from being eligible for treatment under the 2003 treaty between Norway and Australia. Existing text erroneously implied eligible diplomatic and consular staff would be eligible for Medicare, rather than eligible for free treatment as a public patient.	01/07/2023	G. Clifford	
51	Addition of policy and guidelines for Health Service Providers making a decision to reclassify a compensable patient	2023/24 v1.00	Chapter 5 :Chargeable Patients Category 1 - Compensable Patients New sub-section inserted: Reclassification of a Compensable Patient	Policy addition	New policy and guidelines inserted into new sub-section, identifying circumstances in which a HSP might reclassify a compensable patient and required business practices to authorise and document a decision.	New provisions within the Health Services (Fees and Charges) Order 2016 (WA) establish powers allowing the Chief Executive of a HSP to reclassify a compensable patient in certain circumstances. Policy and guidelines are required to support the legislative change applying from 1st July 2023.	01/07/2023	G. Clifford	

50	Streamlining and merger of policy relating to treatment of patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases. Related content from section 2.6 and 9.3 merged with 8.2.	2023/24 v1.00	2.6 Treatment of Patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases 9.3 Provision of Treatment to Medicare Ineligible Patients 8.2 Medical Services and Treatment Exempt from Charges	Policy update Merge Sections	Merge and streamlining of charging policy for patients with confirmed/suspected notifiable infectious diseases including TB and leprosy.	Existing policy with respect to the application of fees and charges to patients with suspected or confirmed notifiable infectious diseases was fragmented throughout the F&C Manual. Policy combined and streamlined. Policy for 'waiving' charges relating to treatment of TB/leprosy amended to ensure treatment is recognised as 'non-chargeable' to align with <i>Public Health Act 2016</i> .	01/07/2023	G. Clifford
49	Rename Schedule F	2023/24 v1.00	Schedule F: Appendices	Rename Section	Schedule F renamed Schedule E to realign document numbering (see revision # 48)	Schedule E deleted and maintained separately - Schedule F renamed to provide continuity in naming of sections within Fees and Charges Manual document.	01/07/2023	G. Clifford
48	Deletion of Schedule E	2023/24 v1.00	Schedule E: Revisions to the WA Health Fees and Charges Manual	Deletion of Content	Schedule E - Deleted from WA Health Fees and Charges Manual. To be maintained as a separate document published on the WA Health website.	Removal of schedule from Fees and Charges Manual to facilitate easier formatting and reduce document size.	01/07/2023	G. Clifford
47	Update to WA Fees and Charges Manual 2023/24	2023/24 v1.00	Update to Tariffs, Fees and Charges 2022/23	Fee updates	Annual Tariffs update of the fees and charges for 2023/24. Revisions of pricing throughout Manual.	Annual update	01/07/2023	G. Clifford
46	Addition of guidelines for charging arrangements for patients who attend Emergency multiple times on a given day	2022/23 v1.12	7.1 Multiple Services on Same Day	New Content	Guidelines for charging arrangements to be applied to patients presenting for triage at emergency departments multiple times in a given day inserted into section 7.1.	To incorporate feedback from the Revenue Management Reference Group.	24/05/2023	M. Moltoni
45	Update to Nursing Home Type Patient and Nursing Home & Hostel Residents fees	2022/23 v1.12	Update to Nursing Home Type Fees and Nursing Home Fees	Fee updates	Fees for Nursing Home Type Patients and Nursing Home and Respite Care have been updated throughout the Manual.	To adjust fees to reflect increases in Commonwealth set fees and ensure consistency with gazetted rates	24/05/2023	M. Moltoni
44	Update to PBS concessional co-payment	2022/23 v1.12	Update to PBS concessional co-payment	Fee updates	Fees tied to PBS co-payment payable by concessional patient have been updated throughout the Manual.	To adjust concessional co-payment charges to align with gazetted increases to minimum co-payments applying from 4 th February 2023.	04/02/2023	M. Moltoni
43	Update to medication fee tables including Chapter 6: Medication Supply Arrangements	2022/23 v1.11	Update to PBS Co-payments and Safety Net thresholds	Fee updates	Fees for General patient co-payment and Non-PBS co-payments for medications have been updated throughout the Manual. Minor updates to compounding and dispensing fees for subsidised meds. Safety net thresholds updated in line with January 2023 updates.	To adjust fees to reflect decreases in Commonwealth set fees applying from the 1st January. Realignment of compounding and dispensing fees and safety net thresholds with PBS values.	01/01/2023	G. Clifford
42	Update to WA Fees and Charges Manual 2022/23	2022/23 V1.10	Update to Compensable Outpatient Fee, Nursing Home Type Fees and Nursing Home Fees.	Fee updates	Fees updated to reflect fees gazetted 19/10/2022	To adjust fees to reflect increases in Commonwealth set fees and ensure consistency with gazetted rates.	31/10/2022	P. Hunt
41	Addition of Appendix L	2022/23 V1.10	Reciprocal Health Care Agreement Matrix	New Content	New schedule added to new section, Appendix L.	To assist in assessing patient eligibility under Reciprocal Health Care Agreements (RHCA)	31/10/2022	P. Hunt
40	Update to WA Fees and Charges Manual 2022/23	2022/23 V1.00	Update to Tariffs, Fees and Charges 2022/23	Fee updates content change	Annual Tariffs update of the fees and charges for 2022/23	Annual update	01/07/2022	P. Hunt
39	Chapter 7: Other Fees and Charges	2022/23 V1.00	7.2 Chargeable Occasions of Service at Scheduled Non-Admitted Clinics	Content change	Revision of guidelines for charging of outpatient services to better align with ABF reporting standards and the WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity Data Business Rules.	To incorporate feedback from the Revenue Management Reference Group.	01/07/2022	P. Hunt
38	Update to appendices	2022/23 V1.00	Appendix K	Additional Information	New appendix added listing notifiable infectious diseases requiring treatment with medication to prevent transmission.	To incorporate feedback from Chief Pharmacist (WNHS)	01/07/2022	P. Hunt

37	Update to WA Fees and Charges Manual 2021/22	2021/22 V1.00	Update to Tariffs of Fees and Charges 2021/22	Fee updates	Annual Tariffs update of the fees and charges for 2021/22	Annual update	28/07/2021	P. May	From July 2021 new version controls have been applied. The first update of each given financial year will be listed as v1.00.
36	Update to medication fee tables including Chapter 6: Medication Supply Arrangements	2020/21 V1.80	Update to various tables including Overview of Charges for Medication Supply Arrangements	Fee update	Patient Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme co-payment fees have been updated throughout the Manual for each chargeable category. New PBS co-payment fees for medications PBS items \$41.00	Annual update to patient co- payment medication charges	Fees effective 10/02/2021 Manual updated to reflect the new fees 08/03/2021	P. May	
35	9.8: Billing for Selected Services Provided to DVA Entitled Persons	2020/21 V1.70	Invoicing and Payment Process	Minor amendment	The invoicing and payment process have been removed.	Obsolete	23/12/2020	P. May	
34	Chapter 1: Medicare Eligibility	2020/21 V1.70	1.2. Medicare Exemptions Asylum Seekers	Additional Information	Inclusion contact details for non-governmental organisations.	To assist staff in determining a patient claim for asylum.	23/12/2020	P. May	
33	Chapter 2: Reciprocal Health Care Agreements Section 7.7. Surgically Implanted Prostheses	2020/21 V1.70	Section 7.7 Surgically Implanted Prostheses	Correction on charging arrangement	Removal of RHCA patients from categories of patients to be billed for surgically planted prostheses.	Correction to charging arrangements.	12/11/2020	P. May	
32	Section 8.1: Waiver, Reduction or Write-Off of Fees and Charges	2020/21 V1.70	8.1. Waiver, Reduction or Write-Off of Fees and Charges	Correction and additional information added	The statement 'This applies to patients who are found to be Medicare ineligible for insurance payments and are required to be admitted as public patients' has been removed from write-back scenarios. Links added to the Financial Management Manual and additional information of the purpose of a write-off.	Removal of incorrect statement and information on waivers and write-offs.	23/12/2020	P. May	
31	Schedule A1: Fees and Charges Regulated by the Minister for Health	2020/21 V1.70	Schedule A1 Fees and Charges Regulated by the Minister for Health	New fees	Inclusion of hotel quarantine fees.	New fees	05/11/2020	P. May	
30	Section 2.7: Medicare Ineligible Involuntary Psychiatric Patients	2020/21 V1.70	Section 2.7 Medicare Ineligible Involuntary Psychiatric Patients	Correction and clarity on existing policy.	Inclusion of patients under a Community Treatment Order. Change from waiver to write- back.	Clarification on accounting treatment and eligibility.	23/12/2020	P. May	
29	Section 1.2: Medicare Exemptions has been renamed to Section 1.3. A new Section 1.2 has been added	2020/21 V1.70	New: Section 1.2 Obtaining patient consent to complete a Medicare eligibility check	Inclusion of policy.	Inclusion of requirement for Health Service Providers to obtain patient consent to complete a Medicare check.	1.2 Medicare Exemptions is now under Section 1.3.	23/12/2020	P. May	
28	Section 2.6: Treatment of Patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases	2020/21 V1.70	Section 2.6. Treatment of Patients with Notifiable infectious diseases.	Minor edit	The fourth dot point under section 2.6. has been removed to provide clarity on charging arrangements.	Clarification on charging arrangements for treatment of patients with notifiable infectious diseases.	23/12/2020	P. May	
27	Chapter 1: Medicare Eligibility	2020/21 V1.60	1.2 Medicare Exemptions Immigration Detainees	Minor edit	Removal of non- existing MOU between DoH and Department of Home Affairs. Correction of billing procedure.	Correction to information and procedure.	29/7/2020	T. Reid.	
26	Chapter 1: Medicare Eligibility	2020/21 V1.60	1.2. Medicare Exemptions Asylum Seekers	Policy change	Inclusion of new policy to prohibit Medicare ineligible asylum seekers from being charged for hospital services.	Change in policy as per the Minister for Health's request.	01/07/2020	P. May	
25	Changes throughout Manual & Schedule B	2020/21 V1.50	Schedule B: Summary of Patient Fees and Charges	Patient fees and charges update	Patient fees and charges have been updated for 1 July 2020/21.	Update to patient fees and charges.	01/07/2020	K. MacLennan	
24	Chapter 6: Medication Supply Arrangements	2020/21 V1.50	Chapter 6: Medication Supply Arrangements	Policy changes	Inclusion of a new chapter on medication supply arrangements.	Clarification on medication charging.	01/07/2020	K. MacLennan	
23	Schedule A5	2019/20 V1.50	Schedule A5: Specialised Orthoses for Children	List of orthoses products and fees	Inclusion of fees and products for child orthoses.	The list of products and fees for child orthoses has been removed from the WA Health (Fees and Charges) Order 2016, updated and included into the Manual.	19/05/2020	T. Reid	
22	Schedule A4	2019/20 V1.50	Schedule A4: Specialised Orthoses for Adults	List of orthoses products and fees	Inclusion of fees and products for adult orthoses.	The list of products and fees for adult orthoses has been removed from the WA Health (Fees and Charges) Order 2016, updated and included into the Manual.	19/05/2020	T. Reid	
21	2.1: Overview of Reciprocal Health Care Agreements	2019/20 V1.40	2.1 Overview of Reciprocal Health Care Agreements	Minor policy change	Medicare entitlements for visitors from Italy and Malta have been extended to 18 September 2020.	Change in Commonwealth Policy regarding length of Medicare Entitlements for current.	20/04/2020	T. Reid	

20	2.5: Treatment of Patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases	2019/20 V1.40	2.5. Treatment of Patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases	Minor change	Clarity on not charging for notifiable infectious diseases regardless of insurance status. Clarity on ability to charge a patient with concurrent conditions, for treatment which is non-notifiable.	Clarification on charges for patients with notifiable infectious diseases.	NA	T. Reid
19	5.8 Nursing Home and Hostel residents	2019/20 V1.40	5.8 Nursing Home and Hostel residents	New Fee	- Long-Term Residential Aged Care - Short-Term Residential Respite Care - Nursing Home Type Patient	New fees. Updated fees.	20/03/2020	T. Reid
18	6.3 Chargeable Occasions of Service at Scheduled Non-Admitted Clinics	2019/20 V1.30	6.3 Chargeable Occasions of Service at Scheduled Non-Admitted Clinics	Minor change	Adding HEN services into the Chargeable Occasions of Service at Scheduled Non-Admitted Clinics for overseas Medicare ineligible patients.	Clarification on charging overseas Medicare ineligible patients for HEN services.	01/04/2020	T. Reid
17	6.1: Pharmacy Multiple Sections	2019/20 V1.30	6.1. Pharmacy	Minor change	Update to PBS and Non-PBS fees	Update to PBS and Non-PBS fees.	07/02/2020	K. MacLennan
16	6.1: Pharmacy 5.14: Medicare Ineligible OV Non-Admitted Patients 5.13: Medicare ineligible OV Inpatients Schedule A, Schedule B	2019/20 V1.20	6.1. Pharmacy	New medication charges	A new section <u>unsubsidised medication</u> has been added in to allow for the full cost recovery of medication.	Change in legislation.	07/02/2020	T Reid
15	Appendix D	2019/20 V1.10	Appendix D: List of Health- Related Contacts	Minor edit	DVA phone number updated to 1800 550 457	Correct contact number.	NA	T. Reid
14	Pg. 23, Schedule E	2019/20 V1.10	2.2 Specific Issues Relating to Reciprocal Health Care Agreements Schedule Appendix F: Medicare Eligibility Matrix for Commonwealth Visa Sub Classes	Minor edit	Update on Visa subclass 457 and 482.	As of 18 April 2017, the Temporary work Visa 457 has been abolished and replaced with the Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) Visa 482.	18/04/2017	T. Reid
13	Various	2019/20 V1.10	Schedule E: Appendices (now known as Schedule F)	Minor edit	Schedule E- Appendices has been renamed to Schedule F- Appendices.	The Schedule has been renamed to allow for another Schedule to be included.	01/01/2020	T. Reid
12	Pg. 47 and Pg. 58 Overview Fees and Charges for Admitted Patients	2019/20 V1.10	5.6: Nursing Home Type Patients 5.11: Private Inpatients (Medicare Eligible Australian Residents)	Fee adjustment	Nursing Home Type Patient (NHTP) fee increase.	NHTP fee increase	20/03/2020	T. Reid
11	Pg. 29	2019/20 V1.10	4.1. Public Inpatients (Medicare Eligible Australian Residents)	Correction	Correct alignment of fees and charges under <u>Public Inpatient Fees</u>	Correction.	NA	T. Reid
10	Pg. 26	2019/20 V1.10	2.5. Treatment of patients with Notifiable Infectious Diseases	Policy change	Change in final authorisation to allow HSPs to seek Board approval rather than the DGs approval for treatment costs that exceed \$10,000 for patients with notifiable diseases.	Policy changed to align with the same level of approval authority for treatment expenditure of Medicare ineligible patients.	22/10/2019	T. Reid
9	Pg. 63, 68, 107, Schedule A2, Schedule B Overview Fees and Charges for admitted patients	2019/20 V1.10	5.13. Medicare Ineligible Overseas Inpatients Schedule A2: Fees and Charges Regulated by the Director General Schedule B: Medicare Ineligible Patients (Overseas Residents Including 457 Visas)	New fee	New Dialysis fee for Medicare ineligible patients (effective date 28 August 19).	A new Medicare Ineligible dialysis fee was introduced to allow for effective cost recovery.	28/08/2019	T. Reid
8	Matrix F	2019/20 V1.10	Appendix F: Medicare Eligibility Matrix for Commonwealth Visa Sub Classes	Minor edit	Criteria for Visa Sub Class (300) Medicare eligibility amended so as not to distinguish between persons from RHCA and non RHCA countries. Requirement for permanent residency has been removed.	Correction	NA	T. Reid
7	Pg. 49 & 50	2019/20 V1.10	5.7. Boarders	Minor edit	The first point under <u>Guidelines for Registration of Boarders</u> has been updated to reflect the current process.	The guidelines for documenting the presence of boarders has changed with the system-wide introduction of WebPas.	NA	T. Reid
6	Pg. 68	2019/20 V1.10	6.1. Medication Type Table	Minor edit	Statement adjusted to include full pack dispensing & change symbol from # to ^.	Clarity on medication charging.	NA	T. Reid
5	Pg. 68	2019/20 v1.10	6.1. Medication Type Table	Minor edit	Changes have been made to the <u>Charges by Medication Type</u> table.	Clarity on medication charging.	NA	T. Reid
4	Pg. 48, 49 & 50	2020/21 V1.00	5.7. Boarders	Minor edit	Bottle-fed included under <u>Types of Boarders</u> .	Policy clarification.	01/07/2016	T. Reid

3	Pg. 79 & 80	2020/21 V1.00	6.10. Home Modification Services	Minor edit	Additional information about the Community Aids and Equipment Program (CAEP) including program funding arrangements.	Additional program information.	01/07/2019	T. Reid
2	Pg. 86	2018/19 V1.0.	8.3. Provision of Treatment to Medicare Ineligible Patients	Minor edit	The Tuberculosis Control Program phone number has been updated to 9222 8500.	Change in contact number for the Tuberculosis Control Program.	NA	T. Reid
1	Pg. 16	2018/19 V1.0.	1.2. Medicare Exemptions	Minor edit	Department of Corrective Services has been changed to the Department of Justice.	The Department of Corrective Services is now known as Department of Justice.	NA	T. Reid