

Costs for hospital services

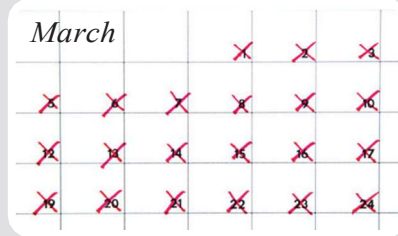
Most public hospital patients do not need to pay anything towards the cost of their treatment or care, however in some cases there can be out of pocket costs*. This information sheet is to make you aware of these situations. If you have any questions after reading this, please ask to speak to a finance officer as they are trained to advise on these matters.



No valid Medicare individual reference number or card?

- You may need to pay for your care, also health funds do not always cover 100% of the hospital costs.

For information on fees, please ask to speak to a finance officer.

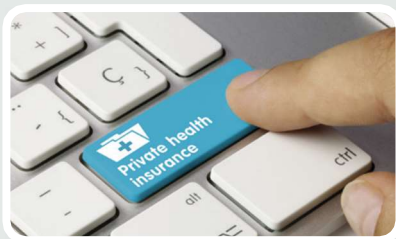


35 + days

If you are in hospital for more than 35 days, depending on the reason for your stay, you may have to pay a fee.

- Staff will advise you about this several days before the 35 days has finished.

Please be aware that if you have been in any other hospital, private or public, without a seven-day break before being admitted to our hospital, those days are included in the 35-day calculation.



private patient

If you are coming into our hospital as a private patient under the care of your private clinician/private midwife

- You will need to pay fees.

Your private clinician will need to advise you of these costs.



equipment or garments

Some equipment or garments (such as mobility aids or compression stockings) may not be free-of-charge.

Please discuss as required with your clinician.



medications

If you need medications from the hospital pharmacy on discharge, or after an outpatient appointment.

- You will need to pay for these medications (personal concessions may apply e.g. if you hold a Pensioner Concession Card).



Private insurance and medicare eligible

If you have private health insurance and are eligible for Medicare

You may be asked if you would like to use this insurance in our hospital at no out of pocket cost* to you except pharmacy which is paid by both public and private patients.

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*From Public to
Private as
Private Patient*

Moving to a Private Hospital as a Private Patient from a Queensland Health Public Hospital

- When you choose to move to a private hospital for treatment as a private patient you will need your own private health insurance or other funding to meet the costs of treatment.
- It is very important for you to check if you will have extra expenses if you transfer to a private facility.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service staff cannot provide advice about the costs of treatment in a private hospital or facility. You will need to ask your health insurance provider as they will only provide details directly to you about your cover.

- Your Private Health Insurance provider will tell you:
 - » the costs that are covered by your insurance
 - » the costs that are not covered by your insurance
 - » whether you have an initial payment (excess) to access your insurance.

Finance officer contact details:

Sunshine Coast University Hospital: Tel 07 52021144

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Gympie Hospital: Tel 07 5489 8446

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