



MEDIA RELEASE

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Huon Valley Medical Services change billing policy

Huon Valley Medical Services will be changing to private billing, consistent with most General Practices in Australia to ensure it can continue to service the community.

Bulk billing can no longer be maintained as the Federal Government Medicare Rebate does not cover the costs of running medical practices.

“The Council has fully supported the Huon Valley Medical Services decision to change the billing practice and increase fees,” said Huon Valley Council Mayor Sally Doyle.

“This decision has not been taken lightly but is necessary to continue providing quality healthcare to the community.”

Patients will still receive the Medicare rebate, however, a gap or out of pocket fee will now be charged by the practice.

Vulnerable groups, such as pensioners, Health Care Card holders and children under the age of 16 will have a reduced out of pocket fee for consultations.

Huon Valley Medical Services will continue to bulk bill all Health Assessments and Chronic Disease Management Plans.

The Manager Medical Services will be available to meet and discuss the potential impact, should you have any concerns.

“To support your local doctor towards ensuring our community enjoys access to quality and affordable healthcare into the future, you can write to your Commonwealth Member of Parliament to share your feedback and raise concerns.”



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