

QUALITY CARE COSTS

What does this mean for you?





The government isn't paying. Medicare rebates won't be completely unfrozen until 2020.

Medicare provides eligible patients with a rebate for treatment by doctors and other health professionals. Since Medicare was introduced, the cost of delivering quality care has increased. However, your rebate has not kept pace. The Government put a freeze on rebates in July 2014. Even though it recently announced they will be thawed from 2017, rebates won't be completely unfrozen until July 2020. Doctors cannot absorb increasing costs and continue to deliver quality care. As a result, the difference between your fee and your rebate may increase. We may not be able to accept your rebate as full payment for your healthcare (bulk billing) at every visit.

