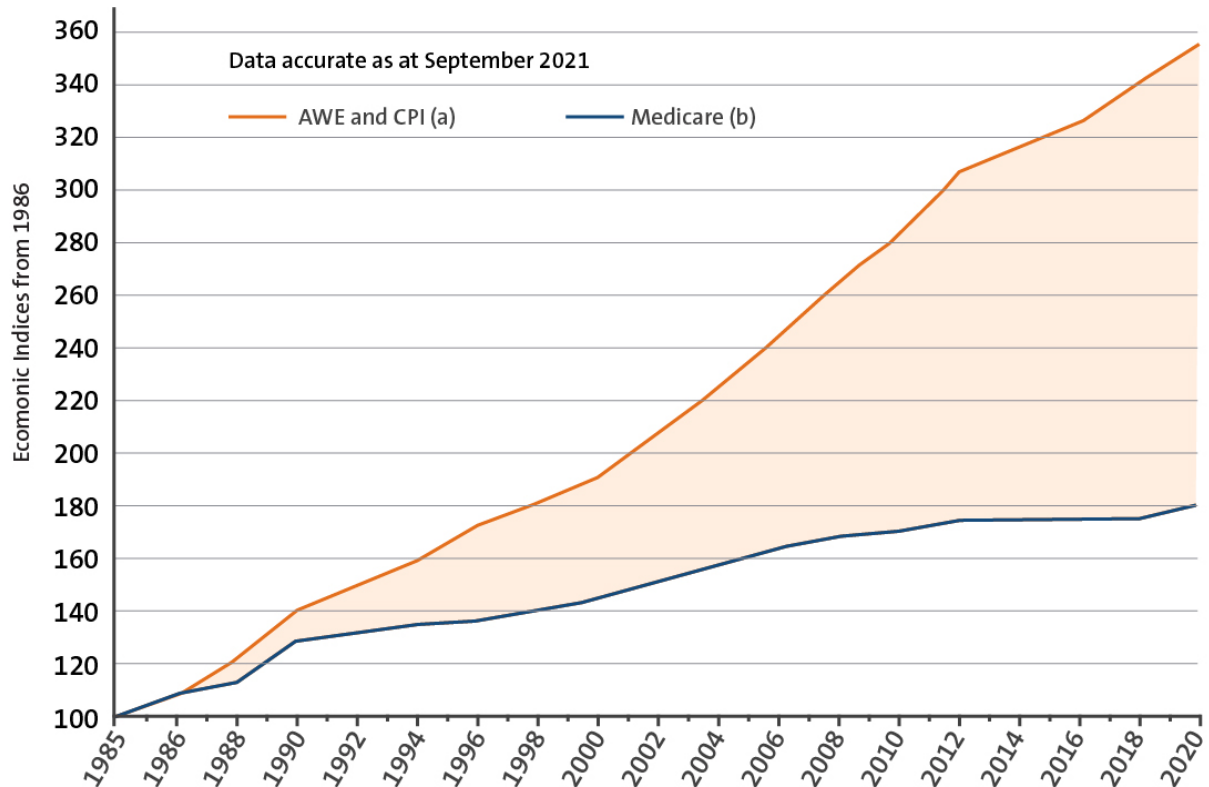


Why is Diamond Valley Clinic changing its billing policy?

Medicare is a public health scheme that was designed to provide a rebate to patients to improve access to health care. It was never designed to cover the full cost of providing that health care. Unfortunately the medicare rebate has had minimal increase and was completely frozen for a significant period. This means that whilst the costs of providing high quality medical care have increased the remuneration has not.



(a) Index comprising of Average Weekly Earnings and Consumer Price Index (70:30) reflecting the average cost structures in medical practices.

(b) Index of Medicare fees as determined by the Commonwealth Government.

After careful consideration and in order to continue to provide high quality medical care that we provide at Diamond Valley Clinic this model of billing is no longer sustainable. From the 1st of January 2023 there will be no routine bulk billing at Diamond Valley Clinic. All consultations will incur a private fee which will need to be settled on the day of consultation.

What are the new fees at Diamond Valley Clinic?

	Item number	Fee	Rebate	Out of pocket
Standard Consultation (Weekdays)	23	\$72 (\$57)	\$39.95	\$32.05 (\$17.05)
Long Consultation (Weekdays)	36	\$109 (\$94)	\$76.95	\$32.05 (\$17.05)
Extra Long Consultation (Weekdays)	44	\$146 (\$131)	\$113.30	\$32.70 (\$17.70)
Telehealth	91891	\$65 (\$50)	\$39.95	\$25.05 (\$10.05)
Standard Consultation (Saturday)	23	\$80 (\$65)	\$39.95	\$40.05 (\$25.05)
Long Consultation (Saturdays)	36	\$117 (\$102)	\$76.95	\$40.05 (\$25.05)

*Prices in () refer to the discounted price for patients who hold a valid health care card, pension card or concession card

Medicare Safety Net

The medicare safety net can help to further lower your cost for health care provided outside of a hospital. After you spend a certain amount on health care medicare will provide you with a higher rebate to help further cover the costs. This is calculated on an annual basis and resets each year on January 1st.

For more information please see <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare-safety-nets>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new fee structure please talk to your Doctor or our Practice Manager.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

DVC Team