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# What is bulk billing?



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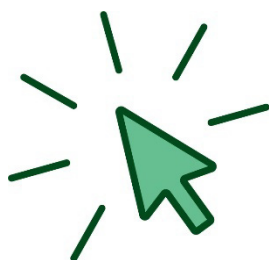
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this fact sheet
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# About bulk billing



**Bulk billing** is when Medicare can pay the doctor for your health care straight after your appointment.



The doctor will ask you first if you agree to bulk billing.



If you agree to bulk billing, you don't have to pay the doctor for your health care.

Many doctors offer bulk billing, especially for:

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- people under **16** years old



- older Australians



- people with a Health Care Card.



You will need to bring your Medicare card to your appointment to use bulk billing.



# Services you can use bulk billing for



You can use bulk billing for doctors appointments.



This includes when you have an appointment:

- in person
- on the phone
- in a video call.

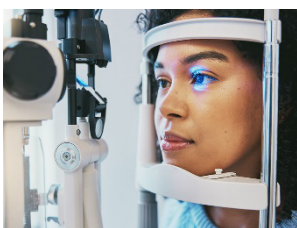
Other services you might be able to use bulk billing for include:



- blood tests



- X-rays



- eye tests.



You might also be able to use bulk billing for a program called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.



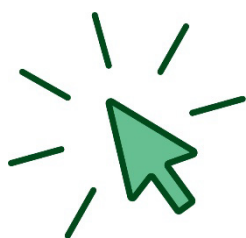
You can learn about this program on our website.

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## How to find a doctor that offers bulk billing



You can go online to find a doctor near you that offers bulk billing.

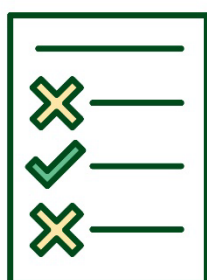


The Health Direct website has a tool you can use.

[www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services)



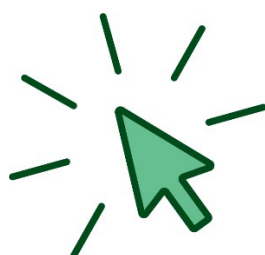
Check if a doctor offers bulk billing before you make an appointment with them.



They might have rules about who they can offer bulk billing to.

For example, you might need to:

- be a certain age
- have a Health Care Card.



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## Word list

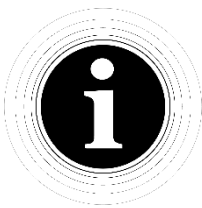
This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



### **Bulk billing**

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The doctor will ask you first if you agree to bulk billing.



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