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Why you will be asked to sign for bulk billing

The Australian Government is updating bulk billing processes.

You need to provide consent allowing healthcare providers to bill Medicare for each service you receive. The ways you can provide this consent have been updated. These updates do not change how bulk billing works or who can access bulk billing.

About Medicare and bulk billing

Through Medicare, the Australian Government pays for some or all the costs of many health services, such as GP visits, tests, and hospital care.

Bulk billing means you don't pay anything for a health service because your healthcare provider bills Medicare directly for the service you received.

Anyone eligible for Medicare can access bulk billing if their healthcare provider offers it.

We need your agreement to bulk bill

From 1 July 2026, how you provide consent allowing us to bill Medicare directly for the service you received can be done differently.

This makes it easier for healthcare providers to bill and receive payments from Medicare and make it easier for medical practices to keep accurate records.

Options for signing

- You can sign the form before or after your appointment.
- You can sign the form electronically or you can sign a paper form.
- You can verbally agree until 30 June 2027.

If you are registered for MyMedicare, you will be able to provide consent allowing a healthcare provider to bill Medicare for your future visits or services – so you only have to agree once. This will also be available for patients of Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisations, Aboriginal Medical Services, and Residential Aged Care Homes.

More information

If you have a Medicare online account, you can log in to see which of your healthcare services have been covered by Medicare.

Saying yes to bulk billing is now easier
health.gov.au/assignment-of-medicare-benefit



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