

**Australian Health Service Alliance funds as listed below:**

- *ACA Health Benefits Fund*
- *AHM Overseas Student Health Cover*
- *Australian Country Health*
- *Australian Health Management*
- *Australian Unity Health Limited*
- *CBHS Health Fund Limited*
- *Central West Health Cover*
- *Credicare Health Fund*
- *Defence Health Ltd*
- *Government Employees Health Fund*
- *Grand United Corporate Health Ltd*
- *Health Care Insurance Ltd*
- *Health Partners*
- *Illawarra Health Fund*
- *Lysaght Peoplecare (now Peoplecare Health Insurance)*
- *Manchester Unity Australia Ltd*
- *Mutual Health*
- *Navy Health Ltd*
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- *Phoenix Health Fund Limited*
- *Police Health*
- *Queensland Country Health Ltd*
- *Queensland Teachers Union Health Fund Ltd*
- *Railway & Transport Health (now rt health fund)*
- *Reserve Bank Health Society Ltd*
- *Teachers Federation Health Ltd*
- *The Doctors' Health Fund (previously AMA Health Fund)*
- *Transport Health*
- *Westfund*

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### **A billing guide for inpatients**



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### Information For Patients Regarding Account Billing For Pathology Testing During Your Hospital Stay

Western Diagnostic Pathology provides high quality diagnostic pathology services to community and hospital patients throughout Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

We have over 80 collection centres, 9 laboratories and the largest team of Specialists Pathologists of all private pathology laboratories in WA & the NT. Millions of dollars are committed by us each year to ensure that your doctor receives the most accurate possible diagnostics information to assist in providing you with the optimum medical care. The policy of Western Diagnostic Pathology is to privately bill for pathology testing, except for certain eligible patients (see below).

The Medicare system provides a contribution (listed in the Medicare Schedule) towards the cost of providing pathology testing services. The balance may be covered if you have eligible Private Health Insurance, plus any "out of pocket" payments that you may have to make.

Please read the following to ensure you understand what you may be required to pay for pathology testing.

### Western Diagnostic Pathology Billing Policy: Hospital in-patients.

#### Patients with Private Health Insurance

If you are a member of a Fund with a Billing agreement with Western Diagnostic Pathology, the fund will be billed directly by us. You will not receive an account from Western Diagnostic Pathology and will not incur out of pocket expenses for Medicare rebateable tests. Eligible funds are listed overleaf.

NOTE: Not all pathology tests are covered by Medicare, if a non-rebateable test is required you will receive an account for this.

Medibank Private and NIB Health funds and some others do not have a billing agreement with Western Diagnostic Pathology. If you are a member of such a fund you will receive an account. After claiming from Medicare and your fund, your maximum out of pocket expense for rebateable testing will be \$90 per day.

#### Pension and Health Care Card Holders with Private Health Insurance

The above policy applies except that if you are a member of a fund that does not have a billing agreement with Western Diagnostic Pathology, ie Medibank Private, NIB and some others, you will receive an account. The account will be charged at the Medicare Schedule Fee and will be fully reimbursed (except for non-rebateable tests) by claiming from Medicare and your private health fund.

#### All Patients without Private Health Insurance (including Pension and Health Care Card Holders)

If you are a patient without private health insurance, you will receive an account. After claiming the hospital Medicare rebate from Medicare, you will be required to pay the balance.

#### Veterans Affairs Gold Card Holders, Workcover and TAC Claims

The account will be sent directly to these organisations for payment.

#### Autologous Blood Donation

The cost of this service is not fully covered by Medicare. There will be a maximum out of pocket expense of \$90 per unit of blood collected.

### Western Diagnostic Pathology has billing agreements with the following Private Health Insurance Funds:

- *CY Health*
- *GMF Health*
- *HBA (Also known as AXA, National Mutual, BUPA)*
- *HBF*
- *HCF*
- *MBF*

**as well as**