

WHAT SERVICES ARE NOT COVERED?

Services that are not covered by the SKG Safety Net include:

- After-hours surcharges
- Items not covered by Medicare
- Complex Angiography procedures

OVERVIEW OF MEDICARE SAFETY NET

The Medicare Safety Net gives families and individuals financial assistance for out-of-hospital Medicare services. There are three Medicare Safety Net thresholds (see the Medicare Safety Net Brochure for full details). Once you reach one of these thresholds, visiting a doctor or having tests may cost you less for the rest of the calendar year.

For services to count towards your Medicare Safety Net, you need to lodge your claims with Medicare - the sooner you claim, the sooner you can reach a Medicare Safety Net threshold. In-patient services are not covered by the Medicare Safety Net.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN I'VE REACHED THE MEDICARE THRESHOLD?

Medicare keeps track of your Medicare Safety Net balance so you don't have to, and Medicare will contact you when you are nearing a threshold. If you are a member of a registered Medicare Safety Net couple or family, Medicare may ask you to confirm who is in your Medicare Safety Net family.

To check your Medicare Safety Net balance and to keep your contact details up-to-date:

- Go to the Medicare Online Services at humanservices.gov.au or medicare.gov.au
- Call 132 011
- Visit your local Medicare service centre

PREMIER HOSPITAL LOCATIONS

HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL

115 Monash Avenue, Nedlands
T: 9449 5800 F: 9389 8112

MURDOCH

St John of God Medical Clinic
100 Murdoch Drive, Murdoch
(entrance off Barry Marshall Parade - Gate 1)
T: 9333 9200 F: 9333 9286

SUBIACO

St John of God Subiaco Hospital
12 Salvado Road, Subiaco
T: 9286 6400 F: 9286 6481

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SPECIAL BILLING POLICY FOR ONCOLOGY AND HAEMATOLOGY PATIENTS OR ANY OTHER QUERIES, PLEASE CALL OUR PATIENT ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT ON (08) 9322 4650.

YOUR GUIDE TO

SKG SAFETY NET FOR ONCOLOGY & HAEMATOLOGY PATIENTS



ABOUT SKG RADIOLOGY

SKG Radiology is one of the largest providers of medical imaging services in Western Australia, with a network of 19 key metropolitan and country branches, and premier hospital locations.

Our team of specialised Radiologists, qualified technical staff, nurses and support staff, are committed to providing the highest level of clinical service and diagnostic accuracy to our referring doctors and patients.

SKG Radiology is part of the Sonic Healthcare Group, a major medical diagnostics company operating pathology and radiology services globally.

SKG Radiology provides a range of radiological services, as well as, image-guided interventional procedures. SKG continues to provide a wide range of complex interventional procedures.

HOW DOES SKG RADIOLOGY SUPPORT ONCOLOGY & HAEMATOLOGY PATIENTS?

SKG Radiology understands the various costs Oncology and Haematology patients incur for their initial diagnosis and ongoing care. To assist these patients to receive the first class imaging that SKG Radiology's highly trained doctors and staff provide on the latest and most advanced diagnostic equipment in Western Australia, we have developed the [SKG Safety Net](#).

HOW DOES THE SKG SAFETY NET WORK?

Medicare does not offer their Safety Net Threshold for in-patient services.

SKG Radiology recognised the need for a Safety Net for Oncology and Haematology in-patients. Our Safety Net applies to Oncology and Haematology in-patients being treated and referred by an Oncologist or Haematologist.

Since the introduction of SKG's Safety Net in January 2011, we have assisted hundreds of Oncology and Haematology patients with their imaging accounts.

IN-PATIENTS

The [SKG Safety Net](#) for Oncology and Haematology in-patients limits the out-of-pocket gap a patient will pay. Once an in-patient reaches the maximum level of cumulative gaps, there are no more SKG gaps in that particular calendar year. The maximum in-patient gap for 2021 is currently \$800.00 per annum for all Medicare rebateable imaging (excluding Interventional procedures but including PICC Lines) and \$1,000.00 per annum for all Interventional procedures (excluding Angiography). The out-of-pocket gaps are calculated after receiving the rebates from Medicare and your Private Health Insurer. For uninsured patients, the gap is calculated using the Medicare Schedule fee. After you reach these gaps, SKG Radiology will accept the Medicare and Private Health Fund rebates as full and final payment (for Medicare rebateable procedures) or for uninsured patients, the Medicare Schedule fee.

CURRENT PRIVATE HEALTH FUND AGREEMENTS FOR IN-PATIENTS

SKG Radiology has a no-gap agreement with HBF.

SKG Radiology currently has billing agreements with the following Private Health Funds for in-patients. The out-of-pocket gaps for Medicare rebateable imaging for eligible members of these funds will be restricted to a maximum of \$100.00 per admission.

- ACA Health Benefits Fund
- Australian Unity Health Ltd.
- CBHS Corporate Health
- CBHS Health Fund Ltd.
- CUA Health Ltd.
- Defence Health
- Emergency Services Health
- GU Health
- Health Care Insurance Ltd.
- Health Insurance Fund of WA
- Health Partners
- Health.com.au

- Navy Health Ltd.
- Nurses & Midwives Health
- Onemedifund
- Peoplecare Health Insurance
- Phoenix Health Fund Ltd.
- Police Health Fund
- Queensland Country Health Ltd.
- Reserve Bank Health Society Ltd.
- RT Health Fund
- Teachers Health Fund
- Teachers' Union Health
- The Doctors' Health Fund
- Transport Health
- Westfund

OUT-PATIENTS

The Medicare Safety Net limits the cost to patients for out-patient radiology, therefore out-patient services are not covered by the [SKG Safety Net](#).

WHAT SERVICES ARE COVERED?

In-patient Medicare rebateable services (excluding Angiography) are covered by the [SKG Safety Net](#). Examples are:

- Low Dose CT Scans
- General X-rays
- Mammography
- MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- Nuclear Medicine Scans
- PET (Positron Emission Tomography)
- Ultrasound
- Interventional Procedures