**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Due to the Governments Medicare freeze over the past 10 years and the withdrawal of incentives to General Practitioners we regretfully must start charging some fees here at Everton Hills Medical Centre to be able to maintain our quality of care and financial sustainability. You may have noticed that many doctors’ clinics around us have already been mixed billing for a while.

We advise we will be introducing the following:

**Please be advised that as of March 1st we will be continuing to Bulk Bill patients with Medicare - Monday to Friday but we will be introducing Private Billing for ALL patients for SATURDAY consultations.**

The fee for a “standard” consultation on a Saturday will be $80.00 and you will be rebated 38.20 from Medicare. Longer or more complex consultations will be charged accordingly of course. But your **out of pocket** always approx. $41.00.

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**We will also be introducing a “Gap Fee” for certain Procedures** but as per above your consultations will still remain Bulk Billed from Monday to Friday at this point in time.

All cosmetic – non-Medicare payable procedures - will be Privately Billed and will be quoted to you by your doctor prior to your procedure.

Also as of 1st March Dr Jennie Nowers will be charging Private Billing

As with all privately billed items Medicare will require you to pay the **full amount** in the first transaction and then a refund of your Medicare component will be returned back to your registered account. This can all be done at reception at the completion of your appointment.

We have already introduced a Non-Attendance Fee. This will continue and will be charged to anyone who makes a booking but does not attend or does not give at least 2 hours prior notice of cancelation. This fee will be a Minimum of $38.00 and will depend on the length of appt missed

We thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Sincerely: Everton Hills Medical Centre Management