



MEDICARE SAFETY NET THRESHOLD INFORMATION

The Medicare Safety Net is designed to help patients with out-of-pocket medical costs for out-of-hospital services. The cost of your appointment will remain the same, but if you are over your Safety Net threshold you will receive a higher Medicare benefit, making your total out-of-pocket costs much less.

Medicare recalculate the Safety Net thresholds each calendar year.

The threshold is the dollar amount you need to reach in out-of-pocket costs before you are eligible for the higher rebate. Your **total out of pocket amount** is what counts towards your threshold.

There are different Medicare Safety Net thresholds depending on each patient's circumstances:

- The Original Threshold does not affect The Vein Clinic billings.
- The **Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) General threshold** applies to all Medicare cardholders who don't have concession cards.
- The **EMSN Concessional and Family Tax Benefit Part A** applies to Commonwealth Seniors Card holders, Health Care Card holders, and Pensioner Concession Card holders.

2023 Medicare Safety Nets thresholds

Thresholds	Threshold amount	Who it's for	What counts towards the threshold	What benefit you'll get back
Original Medicare Safety Net (OMSN)	\$531.70	Everyone in Medicare	Your gap amount for the calendar year.	100% of the schedule fee for out of hospital services.
Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN)- General	\$2414.00	Everyone in Medicare	Your out of pocket amount for the calendar year.	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN benefit caps for out of hospital services.
Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) - Concessional and Family Tax Benefit Part A	\$770.30	Concession cardholders and families eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A	Your out of pocket amount for the calendar year.	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN benefits caps for out of hospital services.

You can check your Medicare Safety Net balance anytime.

OVER THE PHONE

Medicare general enquiries: 132 011 (available 24/7)

ONLINE

Medicare online accounts: <http://my.gov.au> (You will need to register through myGov if you don't already have a Medicare online account).