

Medicare Safety Net

Understanding Extended Medicare Safety Net

Extended Medicare Safety Net helps to lower the out of pocket costs for out of hospital services, which include GP and specialist out of pocket expenses.

Medicare will pay 80% of out of pocket expenses after reaching the safety net

Who is eligible?

Everyone who has Medicare card.

Registration is automatic if you are single.

Couples and families need to register so that Medicare can keep track of Medical expenses as a family.

You will need to do this even if all your names are on the same card.

As a family everyone's out of pocket expenses will contribute towards the safety net threshold.

Threshold amount for the calendar year

Extended Medicare Safety Net- Concessional and Family Tax Benefit - \$770.30

Extended Medicare Safety Net for others - \$2,414.00

How will it benefit?

After reaching the threshold, Medicare will pay 80% of the future gap payments for the rest of that calendar year. For example if the gap before the threshold was \$40, it will come down to \$8 out of pocket after reaching it.

Follow the link for further details

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/extended-medicare-safety-net?context=22001>

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