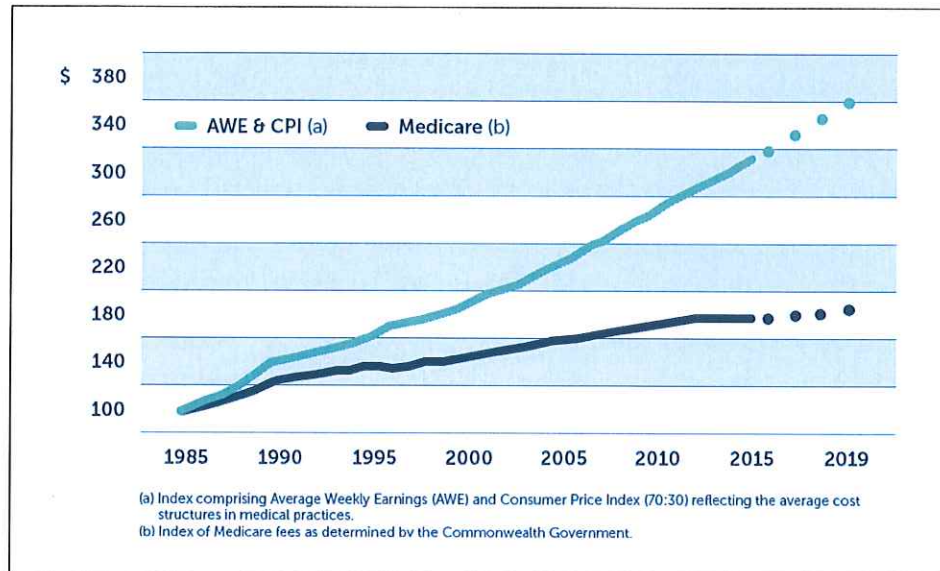


## Patient Notice: Fee Increase from 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017



Since the introduction of Medicare 40 years ago, rebates have been increasing at a significantly lower rate than the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or Average Weekly Earnings (AWE).

More recently, the Government has brought in a Medicare rebate 'freeze' which will not see the rebate increase at all over the next 3 years. The Medicare rebate was never intended to cover the full cost of our healthcare.

At UniSA Health Medical Clinic we take pride in providing you with a professional service in an accredited clinic. In addition to urgent and regular consultations, we provide minor surgery, and specialist nursing support with relation to chronic disease management, ECG, and wound care services.

The fee that you pay covers the costs of running the practice. This includes wages, power, rates, water, rent, computers, etc and these costs continue to rise putting pressure on our ability to continue to provide a comprehensive health service.

It has therefore become necessary to increase our gap fees this year. From 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the gap fee will increase from \$20 to \$30 for UniSA staff, and from \$35 to \$40 for general public.

In addition, some services that were previously bulk billed will now attract a gap fee. This includes health checks, skin cancer checks and pap smears. The only GP services which will be bulk billed are care plans, mental health, review of x-rays, and results.

For more information, please feel free to speak to our friendly reception staff or visit our website to view our full fees listing.

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