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on hospital medical costs with
Access GAP Cover



Simplicity and certainty with Access GAP Cover for medical care in hospital.

Should you ever need specialist care in hospital, your Medical Practitioner can now provide a much simpler billing system by choosing to use Central West Health Cover's **Access GAP Cover**.

If your Medical Practitioner uses the scheme, you will either:

- Have no out-of-pocket expenses or
- You will know exactly how much you will have to pay before treatment begins.

Also, your Medical Practitioner can bill Central West Health Cover direct, saving you from having to claim from Medicare and Central West Health Cover.

It is your Medical Practitioner's choice whether or not to use **Access GAP Cover**. Your special relationship with your Medical Practitioner and the treatment you receive will not change.

Central West Health Cover is encouraging Medical Practitioners across Australia to choose **Access GAP Cover**, and this is where you can help.

Questions to ask each Medical Practitioner.

- Will you treat me under **Access GAP Cover**?
- Will I have out-of-pocket expenses, and if so, can you provide a written estimate of how much?
- Will any assisting Medical Practitioners also use **Access GAP Cover** and if so, how can I obtain a quote for their services?
- Are you prepared to send the bill directly to Central West Health Cover?

See Central West Health Cover's website – www.centralwesthealth.com.au – for registered participating Medical Practitioners. Lists are subject to change and are updated regularly.

If you would like more information about **Access GAP Cover** please call Central West Health Cover on 133 206, or email welcome@centralwesthealth.com.au

Access GAP Cover



Billing made simpler
for you and your patients

Improved cash flow
- payment within 21 days

No contract

Opt in or opt out,
patient by patient



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As a Medical Practitioner who cares for members of Central West Health Cover, we invite you to participate in Access GAP Cover.

Participating has many advantages:

- One system used by 26 participating Funds
- No contracts to sign
- Opt in and out, patient by patient
- Simpler billing for you and your patients
- Improved cash flow (rapid payment and EFT)
- Reduce your patients' gaps
- Fee schedule indexed annually reflecting the AMA formula

The scheme simplifies the claiming process for you and your patients. It also improves the cash flow of your practice with claims paid within 21 days of receipt by Central West Health Cover.

There is no contract to sign and you can opt in and out of the scheme on a patient by patient basis. Central West Health Cover recognises your right to exercise independent clinical judgement, so you retain complete control of patient care.

You can choose to charge above our fee schedule (up to predefined limits) and still participate in **Access GAP Cover** as long as your patients understand what their out-of-pocket expenses will be prior to the time their treatment commences. To do this simply ensure your patients have completed an Informed Financial Consent form which details the full cost of their treatment, including out-of-pocket expenses.

If you haven't yet received an **Access GAP Cover** kit of information, please call:

The Australian Health Service Alliance

(Please note these numbers are for Medical Practitioners and Practice Staff only.)

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