



Your Reciprocal Health Care Card

The enclosed card shows you are enrolled in Medicare under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement that Australia has with your country. Enrolment entitles you to Medicare benefits for **immediately necessary** medical services while in Australia. It is important to keep this card in a safe place and let only those whose names are shown on the card use it.

Immediately necessary treatment means any ill-health or injury occurring in Australia which requires treatment before you return home. You might need to show written proof from the treating doctor that a treatment was immediately necessary before you can claim Medicare benefits.

What you are entitled to

As a visitor from Finland, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden or the United Kingdom you are entitled to the following:

- Medicare benefits for medical treatment provided by medical practitioners out of hospital
- free treatment and accommodation in a public hospital as a public patient
- immediately necessary medicines at a subsidised price under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

What is not covered

The health care agreement does not cover you for:

- medical or hospital treatment that is not immediately necessary
- medicines not subsidised under the PBS
- optometrical services and items such as glasses and contact lenses
- dental work and chiropractic services
- treatment arranged before you arrive in Australia
- accommodation and/or medical treatment in a private hospital
- accommodation and/or medical treatment as a private patient in a public hospital.

When to use your card

Please ensure you show your Medicare card when you:

- attend a public hospital
- attend a doctor's surgery
- present a prescription at a pharmacy
- claim a cash benefit at a Medicare office

If you have any questions about your entitlements please call Medicare on 132 011.

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