# Lake Macquarie Private Hospital

# **Emergency Department**

# Our Fees Explained

Your visit to the ED consists of two parts:

# 1. ED Gap Fee - \$450

(Out-of-pocket expense, not claimable through Medicare or private health insurance)

This fee covers, but is not limited to:

- Pathology, all blood tests and samples.
- Imaging, including x-rays, CT scans, and ultrasounds.
- All consumables such as crutches, slings, moon boots and splints.
- All medication dispensed during your visit.
- Wound care management including dressings, bandages and sutures.
- Intravenous therapy (fluids and antibiotics).

# 2. Medical Professional Attendance Fee

(Emergency Doctor Fee)

- This fee is determined by the level of care provided and is based on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS).
- The fee is 100% covered by Medicare.
- You will need to pay this fee at discharge or upon transfer to the ward, but Medicare will reimburse 100% of the fee, usually within 24 hours, to your nominated bank account.
- The ED reception team will submit this claim on your behalf.

### **Payment Process**

Before leaving the ED (whether going home or being admitted), you must pay both the ED Gap Fee and the Medical Professional Attendance Fee on the day of presentation.

# Aftercare / Follow-Up Care

We offer a comprehensive aftercare service. For 7 days following your discharge from the ED or ward, you may return to the ED for follow-up or review for the same condition at no additional charge (Medicare card holders only, not applicable for Workcover).



# Admission to Hospital from Emergency

# Our Fees Explained

If you require admission to the hospital from the Emergency Department, the following additional fees may apply:

# **Emergency Department Fees**

As explained on the previous page.

### **Imaging & Pathology**

Service providers may charge fees that are not covered by Medicare or your private health insurance.

# **Pharmacy**

Discharge medications, non-PBS medications, and non-admission-related medications will incur an extra charge.

# **Specialist Doctors**

- Specialists usually charge an out-ofpocket fee that is not covered by private health insurance.
- Your surgeon, anaesthetist, or medical specialist will provide written or verbal information about these fees directly to you.

#### **Excess**

- If applicable, your excess will be payable on admission.
- Your excess is determined by your private health insurance policy.

A comprehensive list of potential out-of-pocket fees and charges will be detailed in your admission paperwork.