Fee/Co-contribution Schedule November 2025

Community HEALTH

COLAC AREA Health

Colac Area Health receive funding from the Victorian and Australian Government, which is used to provide subsidised community services. A client contribution supports the cost of service delivery.

When you arrive

You will need to register at reception on arrival and pay at the reception desk when you leave. If you receive a service in the community – such as at home – we will send you an invoice at the end of the month.

How we can help

If you have any concerns about your ability to pay, please talk with your treating health professional who will provide you with information about applying for a reduction/waiver.

SERVICE		**CO-CONTRIBUTION** Government subsidised services including CHSP/HACC/CHPD	**CONTRACTED RATE *PLUS GST** Includes Home Care Packages (HCP)/Support at Home (SAH)
Social Support (Miller House)	Group - single activity per day	$4.00 without meal (OR the cost of external meal/transport/event)	$32.00 per hour
	Group - multiple activities per day	$8.00 without meal (OR the cost of external meal/transport/event)	$32.00 per hour
	Meal provided onsite (additional)	$10.00	$17.50 per meal
	Do Care Visiting	NIL	NIL
Birregurra Community Health Centre	Social Support Meal provided onsite	$8.00	$12.00 per meal
Transport (return trip) Volunteer Drivers Weekdays Medical Appointment ONLY		NIL * From 1st January Colac $8.00 Birregurra/Beeac/Forrest $15.00 Geelong $40.00	Colac $10 Birregurra/Beeac/Forrest $40 Geelong $140.00 * Base rates as above for return trips. For other locations rate is calculated at $1 per minute return.
CAH Exercise and Education Groups (excluding below groups)		$20.00 for group program (one off payment)	$150.00 for group program (one off payment)
Arthritis Group Oncology Group Progressive Neuro Group		$4.00 per session	$25.00 per session
Dietetics Occupational Therapy Podiatry / Nail Care Physiotherapy Exercise Physiology Speech Therapy Social Work		Adults - $15.00 per visit Children under 16 - NIL	$180.00 per hour or part there-of NDIS as per Service Agreement
Diabetes Education Continence Nursing		Adults - $15.00 per visit Children under 16 - NIL	$160 per hour weekdays * Minimum 30 minute charge **Plus** consumables / dressings
Home Nursing		$6.70 per visit **Plus** consumables / dressings	Registered Nurse: $160 per hour weekdays $210 per hour weekends / public holidays Enrolled Nurse: $140 per hour weekdays $180 per weekends / public holidays *Minimum 30 minute charge **Plus** consumables / dressings
Personal Care		$6.70 per visit **Plus** consumables / dressings	$120 per hour weekdays $160 per hour weekends / public holidays * Minimum 30 minute charge **Plus** consumables / dressings
Counselling services General Counselling Children's Counselling		Adults - $15.00 per visit Children under 16 - NIL	$180.00 per hour or part thereof
Nicotine Management Alcohol & Other Drugs services Family Violence Services Specialist Clinics Sexual Reproductive Health		NIL	$180.00 per hour * Minimum 30 minute charge

- Clients who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait will not incur a co-payment charge and will be high priority
- If you do not attend an appointment and do not give 24 hours notice-the full fee will be charged for contracted services
- Full cost recovery rate is charged for contracted services / Home Care Packages / Support at Home / Training and preparation time
- The NDIS charge in accordance with the NDIS pricing schedule reflected in the NDIS Service Agreement
- CHSP fees are reflected in the CHSP Service Agreement
- DVA/Workcover/TAC are charged according to their prescribed rates or referred privately
- Clinician Travel Time is included in the contracted rate
- Fees are capped at a monthly rate for an individual receiving nursing/personal care more than 3 times a week
- If you are experiencing financial difficulty, a co-contribution reduction or waiver is available
- Government subsidised services will not be refused if you have difficulty paying a co-contribution.

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FEE WAIVER FORM

To be completed by Colac Area Health to exempt a client from the Government prescribed co-contribution.

This declaration should be reviewed at appropriate time intervals to determine if circumstances have changed.

Client is seeking exemption from the co-payment fee due to current financial difficulties.			
Client Name			
Client Signature		**Date**	
Clinician Name		**Date**	
Manager/Executive Name		**Date**	
Manager/Executive Signature		**Date**	
Provide to Reception/Ward Clerk	***TRAK episode to be updated to No Charge and $0 entered***		