MEDICARE SAFETY NET

Applies to anyone enrolled in Medicare. The Safety Net provides singles, couples and families with a higher Medicare benefit once the threshold is reached. Medicare keeps a tally of out of pocket payments during the calendar year and will notify you in writing when you get close to your threshold.

Couples and families will have to complete a Medicare Safety Net registration form to register and confirm who forms part of their family. You only have to register once.

Table of Thresholds – 3 types depending upon individual circumstances

Threshold	Threshold Amount	Who it's for	How it's calculated	What the benefit is
Original	$453.20	All Medicare cardholders	Based on out of pocket amount	100% of schedule fee
Extended Medicare Safety Net(EMSN) Concessional and FTB Part A	$656.30	Concession cardholders and families eligible for FTB Part A	Out of pocket costs	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN benefit caps for out of hospital services
Extended General	$2056.30	All Medicare cardholders	Out of pocket costs	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN*benefit caps for out of hospital services

*The EMSN out of pocket expense is the difference between what the doctor charges you and the Medicare Benefit paid. It's the out of pocket amount that counts towards the Medicare Safety Net threshold.

**Singles are automatically registered

*** Couples & Families must register as a Medicare Safety Net family. This includes those on the same Medicare Card. If you're registered as a couple or family, medical costs are combined so that you're likely to reach your threshold sooner.

****You can register for the Medicare Safety Net (even if you haven't had contact from Medicare) by downloading "Medicare Safety Net for couples and Families registration and amendment form" , calling the Medicare general enquiries line or asking our reception staff for a copy.

For further information please visit
https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/medicare-safety-net