



## MEDICARE SAFETY NET THRESHOLD INFORMATION

The Medicare Safety Net is designed to help patients with out-of-pocket medical costs for out-of-hospital services. The cost of your appointment will remain the same, but if you are over your Safety Net threshold you will receive a higher Medicare benefit, making your total out-of-pocket costs much less.

Medicare recalculate the Safety Net thresholds each calendar year.

The threshold is the dollar amount you need to reach in out-of-pocket costs before you are eligible for the higher rebate. Your **total out of pocket amount** is what counts towards your threshold.

There are different Medicare Safety Net thresholds depending on each patient's circumstances:

- The Original Threshold does not affect The Vein Clinic billings.
- The **Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) General threshold** applies to all Medicare cardholders who don't have concession cards.
- The **EMSN Concessional and Family Tax Benefit Part A** applies to Commonwealth Seniors Card holders, Health Care Card holders, and Pensioner Concession Card holders.

### 2020 Medicare Safety Nets thresholds

Thresholds	Threshold amount	Who it's for	What counts towards the threshold	What benefit you'll get back
Original Medicare Safety Net (OMSN)	\$477.90	Everyone in Medicare	Your gap amount for the calendar year.	100% of the schedule fee for out of hospital services.
Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) - General	\$2169.20	Everyone in Medicare	Your out of pocket amount for the calendar year.	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN benefit caps for out of hospital services.
Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) - Concessional and Family Tax Benefit Part A	\$692.20	Concession cardholders and families eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A	Your out of pocket amount for the calendar year.	80% of out of pocket costs or the EMSN benefits caps for out of hospital services.

You can check your Medicare Safety Net balance anytime.

### OVER THE PHONE

**Medicare general enquiries:** 132 011 (available 24/7)

### ONLINE

**Medicare online accounts:** <http://my.gov.au> (You will need to register through myGov if you don't already have a Medicare online account).

# HOW TO CHECK YOUR SAFETY NET BALANCE ONLINE USING MYGOV

Log on to My Gov account

<https://my.gov.au/mygov#/>

Select Medicare

Go to bottom of page, select **PROCEED** to online account

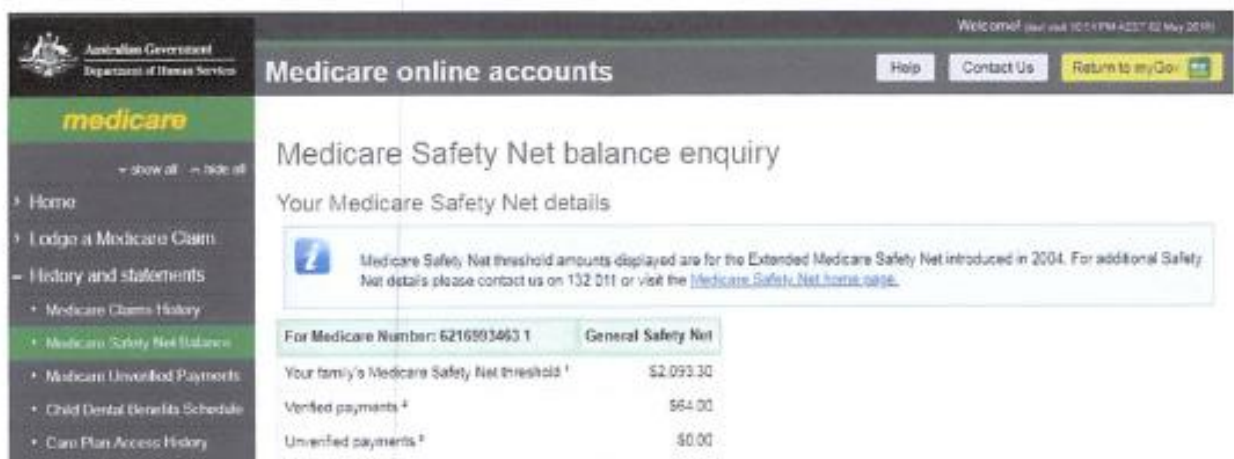
<https://www2.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pext/coir/onlineServices.do>

Select Medicare Safety Net balance



The screenshot shows the Medicare online accounts page. The header includes the Australian Government logo and the text "Medicare online accounts". A navigation menu on the left lists various services. The main content area is titled "Welcome to Medicare online accounts" and lists several services, including "Medicare Safety Net Balance".

<https://www2.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pext/coir/checkIfMoreMedicareCards.do?forward=BalanceEnquiry>



The screenshot shows the Medicare Safety Net balance enquiry page. The header includes the Australian Government logo and the text "Medicare online accounts". The main content area is titled "Medicare Safety Net balance enquiry" and displays the user's Medicare Safety Net details. A table shows the Medicare Number, General Safety Net, and the user's Medicare Safety Net threshold, verified payments, and unverified payments.

For Medicare Number: 6216993463 1	General Safety Net
Your family's Medicare Safety Net threshold <sup>1</sup>	\$2,093.30
Verified payments <sup>2</sup>	\$64.00
Unverified payments <sup>3</sup>	\$0.00