

# Gosford Private Maternity Services

## Admission and Health Cover

Please bring along a copy of your antenatal record to your booking in appointment (or send in a copy with the other documents if you are posting them in).

It is your responsibility to ensure you are satisfactorily covered by your health fund. It is always a good idea to contact your fund to:

- Let them know of your pregnancy and due date.
- Ascertain whether you have passed the 'waiting period'.
- Get advice about when your health fund requires you to add the baby to the cover (perhaps having to upgrade your cover from single to family).
- Determine whether you need to pay an excess or co-payment, and if so how much that will be.

### **A 'well' baby will be seen by a consultant paediatrician.**

As part of our Gosford Private Paediatrician Specialist Network (GPPSN), you will be visited by one (or more) of our paediatricians or neonatologists each day during your stay. These visits are claimable from Medicare, with a small out-of-pocket expense. Please refer to the separate document on the GPPSN for more information. If your baby requires admission to Special Care Nursery – SCN the baby is then an 'in-patient' and accounts can be claimed firstly through Medicare and then from your health fund.

### **If you require an anaesthetist for an epidural or for theatre.**

The anaesthetist will bill you privately which you can claim through Medicare and then your health fund. There will be a gap to pay as anaesthetists usually charge above the scheduled fee.

#### **Gosford Private Hospital**

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### Special Care Nursery Admission.

Should your baby require admission to the Special Care Nursery, then he or she will become a chargeable patient. A reason for admission may include treatment such as: phototherapy for jaundice; blood glucose testing (a standard procedure for all diabetic mothers regardless of insulin dependence or diet controlled); or other observations. In this event a health fund check will be carried out to ascertain whether any out of pocket expenses will be incurred (including excess or co-payments).

### If you have an excess.

This needs to be paid to Gosford Private Hospital no later than one month before your due date. Similarly, if a co-payment needs to be paid, payment for four nights is required no later than one month before your due date. Payments can be made by cash/credit card/cheque at reception, or by credit card over the phone on 4324 7111 or via mail. Other out of pocket expenses. Depending on your level of health cover there may be some extra costs, e.g. for physiotherapy and pharmacy, if necessary.

### Expected length of stay.

For vaginal birth is four nights; five nights for a caesarean birth. Please note that 'days' are from midnight and your day of admission is 'Day 1'. That is, if you have a vaginal birth it is expected that discharge will be the morning of Day five; for a caesarean birth it is expected that discharge will be the morning of Day six.

For more information, visit: [gosfordprivatematernity.com.au](http://gosfordprivatematernity.com.au)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read and understood the above information. I understand that, should any of these situations occur, I may receive an account for which I will be responsible for payment.

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Patient's signature

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Date

