

Chorleywood Health Centre **Guide to Fees for Non NHS Charges**

Your questions answered

The National Health Service provides most health care to most people free of charge, but there are exceptions. Prescription charges have existed since 1951, and there are a number of other services for which fees are charged. Sometimes the charge is made to cover some of the cost of treatment, for example dental fees. In other cases it is because the service isn't covered by the NHS, for example, medical reports for insurance companies, claims on private health insurance and other letters and forms which require the doctor to review the patient's medical records.

It is important to understand that GP's are not employed by the NHS, they are self-employed, and they have to cover their costs- staff, buildings, heating, lighting etc. in the same way as any small business. The NHS pays the doctor for specific NHS work, but for non NHS work the fee has to cover the doctor's costs.

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The government's contract with GP's covers medical services to NHS patients. In recent years, more and more organisations have been involving doctors in a whole range of non-medical work. Sometimes the only reason that GP's are asked is because they are in a position of trust in the community, or because an insurance company or employer wants to be sure that information provided is true and accurate.

Examples of non-nhs services for which GP's can charge their patients

- Certain travel vaccinations
- Private medical insurance reports
- Holiday cancellation forms
- Referral for private care forms
- Letters requested by or on behalf of, the patient
- In certain instances fitness to work forms

Examples of non-NHS services for which GP's can charge other institutions are?

- Medical reports for an insurance company
- Some reports for the DSS/Benefits agency
- Examinations of local authority employees

Why does it sometimes take my GP a long time to complete my form?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the medical care of his/her patients. Most GP's have a very heavy workload and paperwork is taking up an increasing amount of their time. In addition non-nhs work must be undertaken outside of NHS contracted time.

I only need the doctor's signature-what is the problem

When a doctor signs a certificate or completes a report, it is a condition of remaining on the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. Therefore in order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor needs to check the patient's entire record. Carelessness or an inaccurate report can have serious consequences for the doctor, with the General Medical Council or even the Police.

For More information about charges visit the [British Medical Association Website](#)

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Medical Examinations and Report Costs	
Medical Exam & Report (includes pre-employment)	£150.00
Medical Report only—no examination	£128.00
Medical Report for HGV/LGV/PSV/Taxi	£115.00
Any other medical examination (Scuba/parachute)	£110.00
Fitness for education	£30.00
Fitness for health club	£30.00
Fitness for weight loss programme	£30.00
Patient Request to See Insurance Report	£20.00
Preadmission to nursing home (medical and report)	£50.00
Power of Attorney Form*	£130.00
Power of Attorney if visit required*	£150.00
Coroner's Report	£30.00
*A second charge will apply if a second assessment is required if more than 28 days apart	

Certificate / Forms / Letters Costs	
Private sickness certificate (for the first 7 days)	£18.00
To whom it may concern letters	£35.00
To whom it may concern letter to a school	£35.00
Elderly Driver Fitness Certificates	£30.00 £90.00
Letters by request from Airlines re medication	£35.00
International Certificate of Vaccination	£18.00
AH1 Fostering / Adoption Medical	£80.00
Insurance – Medical	£110.00
Holiday Cancellation Insurance Forms	£35.00
Simple Certificate	£30.00
Complicated Certificate	£30.00 - £90.00
Fitness to travel Certificate	£35.00
Fitness to travel examination and Certificate	£110.00
Character Reference (shotgun licence etc)	£50.00

Subject Access Requests	
Free	No Charge
Repetitive Requests	£.50p per side

Vaccinations	
Hepatitis B (per dose)	£30.00
Rabies (per dose)	£55.00
Meningitis (per dose)	£45.00
MMR (per dose)	£17.00
Malaria Prescription	£15.00