

Why do I have to pay?

The NHS has been developed and run on the principle that healthcare should be free to the patient and based on clinical need rather than the ability to pay. However, this only applies to services which have an element of medical necessity to them.

Because there is a finite amount of money available in the NHS, patients are asked to pay for some services which fall outside the definition of "clinically necessary".

But the doctor only needs to sign this form...

Please do not take forms into the doctor in a normal NHS appointment. There are legal implications for a doctor when signing a form and they need the time to go through the form and your medical records. They may also need to examine you and there is not time to do all this in a 10 minute appointment.

If you do take a form into an appointment you will be asked to come out to reception to make a suitable private appointment.



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Private Medical Services



**This leaflet explains when you
might have to pay for
services performed by your GP**

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HGV/PSV/taxi medicals

This appointment will last approximately 20 minutes and will include a physical examination. You will need to bring the appropriate form from the DVLA for the doctor to complete.

The charge for these appointments is £75

Holiday Cancellation Certificates

You will need to obtain the appropriate form from your insurance company. You need to drop the form into us which we will pass to your doctor to complete. You will not require a medical examination.

It will usually take at least 48 hours for the doctor to complete the form. We will telephone you to let you know when it is ready to collect.

The charge for this service is £30

Statements of fact/fit to travel certificates

You may request a simple statement of fact (e.g. a "to whom it may concern" note) or a fit to travel certificate from your doctor in your normal NHS consultation. Your doctor will dictate or type the letter as soon as they can.

It will usually be available for you to collect within about two working days but we will telephone you when it has been typed.

The charge for these certificates is £15 which you will need to pay when you collect the certificate or letter.

Payment

Payment is kindly requested before you see the doctor for an examination or at the time of collection of certificates.

We accept payment by cash or cheque.

These fees are subject to change at any time at our discretion and in line with national guidelines

Private Health Insurance

We are usually contacted directly by your insurance company if you have requested private health insurance. They often just ask for copies of your medical records but may require the doctor to complete a form or give you an examination.

You will need to complete a consent form before we will disclose any information about you to an insurance company.

The charge for this is £30 but this may be more if you need an examination. This fee may be paid by your insurance company depending on the terms of your policy.

Accident or Sickness Claim Forms

You will need to obtain the appropriate forms from your solicitor or insurance company. Sometimes they send these to us directly in which case you will need to complete a consent form to allow us to send them the information.

The forms usually take at least 48 hours to complete and there is a charge of £30.