Schedule of Obstetric Fees, Group Cover and Privacy Policy 2027

First visit (45-55 mins) – **$750**: All appointments are face to face, but I can do an introduction by Zoom if you are unwell. Come with a full-ish bladder for a dating scan at 8 weeks. I will take a history, check your weight, blood pressure, make a provisional plan for birth and give you a 'to do' list and referrals for tests. Partners are welcome for consultations. Masks are not required.
Antenatal appointment (15-18 mins) – **$250**: I check your weight and blood pressure, examine you and scan your baby. We discuss your pregnancy progress. If you have more questions than be answered in the time, then I will schedule an extra session;
Zoom Antenatal appointment (10-15 mins) – **$125**: If you do not want or need to be seen in person or need extra discussion
Planning and Management of Pregnancy fee (to be paid 28-30 weeks) – **$8,950**: This is a global fee for your pregnancy care, covers being on call for you, and includes the cost of scanning in rooms, and your midwifery consultations. It is charged in addition to the fee for each visit. A non-refundable deposit of **$2,500** is payable at 14 weeks and the balance at 28 weeks. The management fee is reduced in subsequent pregnancies where the fee was paid to me last time, provided it is paid by 30 weeks. It is generally to your advantage to pay the management fee early, as your Medicare rebate is higher after reaching the safety net.
Postnatal appointment (25 mins): **$300**: Face to face. Involves a history, exam, cervical screening test and contraception.

If you have care for the first part of your pregnancy, but plan to deliver elsewhere, then you pay the first visit fee of **$750** the antenatal appointment fee of **$250** for each visit and a planning and management deposit fee of **$2,500**.

If your first ever booking visit with me is late, then the Planning and Management Fee is reduced to **$6,450** at 20 weeks, **$5,450** at 28 weeks, and **$4,450** at 36 weeks.

Fee reductions are based on an uncomplicated pregnancy and not needing additional time for your consultations.

The final delivery fee is **$1,500** for item 16519 (standard delivery) and **$2,500** for item 16522 (complex delivery). This will be billed directly to your fund under the Gap Cover Scheme, unless you are with certain funds, such as **GMHBA, Frank, FIT Health, Budget Direct or Latrobe Health**, in which case there will be a **$1,500 co-payment.** Please check about your fund.

Your health fund only offers rebates for services provided in hospital, and not for out-patient costs, such as antenatal visits.

Medicare offers a small rebate on most services. The rebate increases significantly once you reach the Medicare safety net.

Adding all the above fees your total obstetric fees for the pregnancy for my services will be around **$11,500** if you are in an eligible fund, so your total out of pocket expense for obstetric fees, if you are Medicare eligible, will be around **$9,500**.

Please note. Electronic funds transfer is the preferred method of payment

The above fees do not include hospital, paediatrician, anaesthetist, pathology, or external ultrasound fees. If you have an epidural or caesarean section there will be an anaesthetic fee. There will also be a fee for the surgical assistant at caesarean. If you have medical complications, such as diabetes, you will also need to see other medical specialists. Professional fees vary greatly and also change from time to time, but a guide to your **costs** and out of pocket (OOP) expenses is as follows: **anaesthetist** (epidural) from **$1,000 to $2,000** (OOP $700-$1500); **anaesthetist** (caesarean) from **$2,000 to $3,500** (OOP $1500-$2700); **surgical assistant** (caesarean) from **$600 to $800** (OOP $480-680); **paediatrician** (baby check) from **$500 to $750** (OOP $200-350).

If you require an emergency caesarean after hours or at weekends then some professional fees will be at the higher end of the range, although my fees remain the same. **If you have an epidural for labour and then require an emergency caesarean or instrumental delivery in the operating theatre, then there will be a separate fee for each anaesthetic.**

Self-Funded Private Patients

If you do not have private health cover then the Royal Hospital for Women offers a slightly more affordable maternity package than Prince of Wales Private, however the POWPH self-funded private fees have recently been revised. My fees remain the same. The final delivery fee cannot be billed to the fund and is billed to you instead. This fee is **$1,500** for an uncomplicated delivery and **$2,500** for a complicated delivery, of which a significant proportion is rebated if you have access to Medicare.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Patients

The obstetric fees for Defence members are paid by the ADF if you have a Defence Approved Number (DAN). You must ensure that any referrals for pathology or ultrasound are then approved and booked by your medical centre, and that your baby is covered after birth with Defence Health. Any medical leave you need must be approved in advance by your ADF doctor.

Patients with Overseas Health Cover

You will have an initial consultation fee of **$750**, then a fee each visit of **$250**, then a single fee of **$10,500** which incorporates both the planning and management fee and the delivery fee, then a final postnatal fee of **$300**, or a single global fee of **$11,800**.

Consent to Privacy Policy, Fees and Group Cover

I understand that Dr Sen stores my personal and confidential medical information on file in rooms and on a computer server.

I understand that Dr Sen may need to disclose my personal and confidential details, including the results of investigations, with staff and with other health professionals, as part of my medical care.

I have read and understood the above schedule of fees provided by Dr Rahul Sen and accept those fees for my pregnancy care.

I understand that Dr Sen is part of a group providing weekend and emergency obstetric cover and that another doctor may care for me during my hospital admission.

I understand that Dr Sen does not perform consultations or discuss results by telephone, nor discuss results or care with partners, friends or relatives.

Dr Rahul Sen

Privacy Policy

The Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW) requires medical practitioners to obtain consent from their patients to collect, use and disclose the patient's personal information.

Collection - this means that we will collect information that is necessary to advise and treat you properly. Such necessary information may Include:

- Full Medical History
- Ethnicity
- Medicare details
- Genetic information
- Family medical history
- Contact details
- Private health fund details
- Billing / account details

The information will normally be collected directly from you and/or your referring doctor. There may be occasions when we will need to obtain Information from other sources, for example:

- Other medical practitioners, such as former GPs and specialists
- Other health care providers, such as psychologists, physiotherapists, dentist, nurses, chemists
- Hospitals or day surgery units
- Pathology and radiology practices

All our staff may participate in the collection of this information. In emergency situations we may need to collect personal information from relatives or other sources where we are unable to obtain your prior express consent.

USE AND DISCLOSURE:

With your consent, your information will be used and disclosed for purposes such as:

- Account keeping and billing from/for Dr Rahul Sen
- Referral to another medical practitioners or health care providers
- Claiming from Medicare and your health fund on your behalf, when required
- Sending of specimens, such as blood or tissue samples for analysis
- Referral to a hospital for treatment, when advisable
- The management of our practice in relation to bookkeeping, debt collection & taxation audit
- Quality assurance, including development of a database for surveillance of patient treatment outcomes, accreditation, complain handling and audits
- To meet our legal obligations of notification to Medicare and our medical indemnity insurers
- To prevent or lessen a serious threat to Public Health or safety where legally required to do so, such as producing records to court, mandatory reporting of child abuse, or the notification of diagnosis of certain communicable diseases
- For training and education purposes, where your de-identified medical information and age (not your name, address or phone number) would only be used for research and audit projects
- For medical research projects complying with strict protocols and approved by a Human Research & Ethics Committee. – YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEETS AND CONSENT FORMS TO READ AND SIGN.

I HEREBY GIVE MY WRITTEN CONSENT AS FOLLOWS:

- I provide my consent to Dr Rahul Sen and staff to collect, use and disclose my personal information, as outlined above (except where you have expressly withheld your consent).
- I understand that I am entitled to access my own health records, except where access would be considered unreasonable. I consent to paying any associated costs.
- Apart from my referring doctor and other doctors and health care providers associated with my health care, I hereby permit my condition to be discussed with the following people (e.g. spouse, family member, friend) and may add/withdraw my consent in writing to add/remove same:
