

## Health Consumers Council

### LIST OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS WHO BULK BILL

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The Health Consumers Council has been approached by consumers many times over the years wanting to see a consumer-friendly list of GPs and other practitioners who bulk bill.

There are many barriers to producing and maintaining such a list, some of which include:

- The discretionary nature of bulk billing by GPs; on a case by case basis, or only to particular groups of patients such as those on Health Care Cards
- The need to obtain a GP's permission before publishing their name as a bulk billing practitioner in any such list
- The changing nature of information, and the difficulties in maintaining and updating such a list

The Health Consumers Council had received a simple list of bulk billing practitioners in the Joondalup electorate compiled by Tony O'Gorman, Member for Joondalup. We decided to send it as a sample to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and request them to send, or compile a similar list. Letters were sent both in June and September 2006 to 57 Legislative Assembly Members. By 6<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 33 members (58%) had responded, while 24 (42%) of Members were yet to acknowledge the Health Consumers Council's letter. 16 Members (28%) provided a list. If you are in the following electorates, you are in luck, and you can contact your Member direct for information about bulkbilling GPs in your area.

Ballajura	9375 5800	Warren-Blackwood	9777 1441
Capel	9727 3322	Midland	9274 8811
Cockburn	9414 3266	Mindarie	9341 2995
Geraldton – Greenough	9921 4818	Riverton	9457 1282
Girrawheen	9247 2477	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	9525 4822
Joondalup	9300 3990	Swan Hills	9250 2441
Kenwick	9493 2223	Wagin	9881 1225

Mandurah	9581 3944		Wanneroo	9405 1244
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**Other options to help find a Bulk Billing Practitioner:**

Medical centres adjacent to Royal Perth, Fremantle and Rockingham/Kwinana, Joondalup Health Campus bulk bill

Local Government Websites may list bulk billing practitioners in their area

Yellow Pages Online has a search filter for bulk billing practitioners. Go to [www.yellowpages.com.au](http://www.yellowpages.com.au), enter GP as the Business keyword, and for location put in Greater Perth. On the right hand side are the search refine options. Look for "Service". If it is not on your screen click on "Display More Options" until "Service" appears. Bulk billing is one of the options listed on the drop down menu. Unfortunately this only seems to work for city locations, and it is still worthwhile ringing a local GP to see if they will bulk bill you, as many practices will not necessarily have elected to put this bulk bill filter on the Yellow Pages entry

Uniradiology in Belmont (9277 2111), Gosnells (9394 9966), Huntingdale (9493 2406), Morley (9375 9055) and Westminster (9349 6400) offer bulk billing for radiological tests of a wide variety (some centres offer more tests than others – contact them directly for further information)