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Dear Tylah

Congratulations on your pregnancy and thank you for choosing me as your Obstetrician. I will be caring for you throughout your pregnancy and delivery.

I will be delivering your baby as a Private Patient at Cabrini Private hospital in Malvern.

This document must be signed and returned to our office before 12 weeks gestation.

- Should you fail to sign and return this document, before 12 weeks gestation, you will be charged as a review patient with a standard consultation fee of \$180 until the form is returned. You will also receive the standard Obstetric fees as above. No Discount will apply.

I am always available for any questions you may have and can be contacted either through my rooms during office hours or *in emergency situations I can be paged on 9387 1000*

In the unlikely event that I am away on leave or am unable to attend the birth for another unforeseeable reason, I will always have another doctor covering for me. My secretaries can advise you of their details.

Appointment Schedule:

These appointments may differ depending on changes or complications in the pregnancy.

We suggest you book your appointments in advance via HotDoc so you can arrange a time that suits you.

- Every 4 weeks until 30 weeks gestation
- Every 2 weeks until 36 weeks gestation
- Every week until delivery

INFORMED FINANCIAL CONSENT OF COSTS;

Once you sign this IFC document, your appointments throughout your pregnancy are Bulk Billed with Medicare. You will be charged a standard consult fee until this document has been returned to our office to confirm, your Private Pregnancy Care arrangement.

- ◆ You must ensure your GP referral covers your entire pregnancy and delivery so there are no issues with claiming. Please check with my staff to ensure your referral is valid.

****NO MEDICARE- If you do not have a Valid Medicare card then an Antenatal appointment fee of \$100 will apply for each appointment. You may then claim with your Private health fund if applicable (item 16500)**

Private Health insurance: Covers the delivery fees and your Hospital stay. Some Private health funds may charge an additional fee if Cabrini is not one of their "preferred Hospitals". We strongly recommend you check your policy with your fund to ensure there are no additional hidden fees.

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We invoice you in 2 stages to try to ease the financial burden of a lump sum payment. The Medicare rebate is the same whether paid in full or as follows

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING = \$5500

All Obstetric visits throughout the pregnancy will be bulk billed with Medicare under the item number 16500. Dr Weston will receive \$46.75 for each appointment that is Bulk Billed.

- **At 16 weeks gestation you will receive an account for \$2500.** NOTE: *None of this amount is claimable from Medicare or private health.*

- **At 30 weeks gestation you will receive your final invoice of \$3000.** Medicare Item number 16590. You will be able to claim some of this amount back from Medicare. The amount will vary depending on whether you have reached the Medicare Safety Net Threshold (please contact Medicare for eligibility of the SNT)

Full payment of all fees is required by the end of 32 weeks gestation. Failure to pay the fees in full may result in your booking to Cabrini being cancelled

****EXTRA COSTS:** *If you chose to have an Elective caesarean section booked then there will be additional costs from the Assisting Surgeon, Anaesthetist and Paediatrician. These Doctors will be booked by our office closer to the date of your planned C/S. Each Specialist's office will contact you to arrange payment.*

These additional costs are in no way related to any costs paid to Dr Weston directly

NOTE: The Anaesthetist is allocated by CABRINI and not by our office.

You will be contacted directly by the hospital once the theatre list has been allocated. We take no responsibility for booking this Doctor and cannot provide a fee estimate.

Antenatal Classes

I believe that childbirth preparation classes are beneficial, especially if this is your first pregnancy. Antenatal classes are also available for mothers having their second or subsequent pregnancies also. Please go to the below link to book a variety of classes through Cabrini. Alternatively you may wish to access classes through a local organisation.

<https://www.cabrini.com.au/services/maternity/maternity-classes-and-tours/>

Fees at Cabrini

Having your baby at Cabrini means you will be provided with the complete suite of services for the delivery of your child including:

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Accommodation in our maternity unit

Exceptional food and beverage menu

24-hour midwifery care and support

Postnatal breastfeeding support

Individual postnatal session with our Women's Health physiotherapist

WiFi access

Local telephone calls from the patient room

Please check with your private health provider for any out-of-pocket hospital expenses. It is also recommended that you discuss any additional fees with your obstetrician, as paediatricians and anaesthetists involved in maternity and newborn care are private practitioners and set their own fees.

In case you have any questions please feel free to contact our Booking Office on [\(03\) 9508 1724](tel:0395081724).

Labour

At the onset of labour please contact the hospital directly. You will be given the direct hospital number by Cabrini at your initial Hospital appointment. The midwives will advise you when to come into the hospital for further assessment. Upon your arrival at the hospital, they will contact me with details of your labour status.

Postnatal Check Up

I will see you **Six weeks after the birth** of your baby for a postnatal visit. At this visit I will check to see how you are coping with motherhood, perform a physical examination (including a pap smear if this is due) as well as discuss contraception options if required.

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By signing this document I agree to the following;

DECLARATION BY PATIENT

- I understand that I have been provided with a break down of the appointment schedule required with Dr Weston during my pregnancy.
- I understand and consent for all Obstetric visits throughout my pregnancy to be bulk billed with Medicare under the item number 16500. I understand that Dr Weston will receive \$46.75 for each appointment that is Bulk Billed.
- I agree that If I chose to leave the Private care of Dr Weston after 20 weeks then any payments I have made will not be refunded.
- I agree to pay the full amount of \$5500 before 32 weeks gestation. Failure to make payment by this time may result in my private booking being cancelled and any unpaid accounts being sent to a Debt Collector for recovery
- I understand that in the event of Dr Weston not being available for the birth, another Obstetrician will be there to cover for him.
- I understand that any documentation including ; letters to employees, TAC or VISA applications will need at **least 30 days** grace period for Dr Weston's office to arrange and provide me for my pregnancy and I will arrange a suitable amount of time for these documents to be arranged in advance.
- I understand that any fees not covered by my chosen health Fund provider will fall to myself to pay and failure to make payment will result in further Debt collection recovery.
- I have been fully informed that there will be other Medical professionals who attend the birth (Anaesthetists/Paediatrician/Assisting Obstetricians) and that they will invoice me according to their fee schedule and that Dr Weston's office is not responsible for any charges that may arise.
- I am aware that any fees paid to Dr Weston for my care are NOT related and are separate to fees paid to Cabrini Hospital.

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