

## Health Care and Financial Support Programs



### Highlights

Various financial support options are available to help with medical services, hospital treatments, and prescription medicines.

Families may also receive financial assistance with childcare, parental payments, and tax benefits.

Payments are based on financial need and other eligibility criteria.

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### What is Health Care Assistance?

Health care assistance provides access to medical and hospital services, as

well as certain prescription medicines, at a reduced cost.

This assistance may cover:

Free or subsidized treatment by healthcare professionals such as doctors, specialists, and allied health professionals.

Free treatment and accommodation for patients in public hospitals.

Partial coverage for services and procedures in private hospitals.

## **What Other Benefits Are Available?**

A variety of programs provide support for families who meet specific eligibility criteria. These include:

Newborn Upfront Payment and Parental Leave Pay

Family Tax Benefit

Child Care Subsidy

## **Newborn and Parental Leave Payments**

When you have a baby or adopt a child, two types of payments may be available. You can only claim one payment per child:

**Newborn Upfront Payment and Newborn Supplement** - An additional financial benefit that increases family support payments after the birth or adoption of a child.

**Parental Leave Pay** - A payment for up to 18 weeks to assist eligible parents in taking time off work to care for a newborn or recently adopted child.

Additionally, **Dad and Partner Pay** may be available for up to two weeks to support partners in caring for a new child.

## **Family Tax Benefit**

The Family Tax Benefit is a two-part payment designed to help with the costs of raising a child. Payments are typically available to families with children under 19, depending on income eligibility.

For continued eligibility for certain benefits, children may need to be up to date with vaccinations or have a valid medical exemption.

## **Child Care Subsidy**

A range of financial support options are available to help families with childcare costs. To be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, children must meet specific criteria.

Families can explore childcare services and available subsidies through various online tools.

## **Payments for Families**

Additional financial assistance is available to support children's education, health care, and overall well-being.

For more information, families can explore financial support programs and eligibility criteria through official resources.

## **Tools and Assistance**

Various tools are available to help families estimate and compare payments they may qualify for.