Medicare Safety Net Thresholds from 1 January 2019

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The Extended Medicare Safety Net (EMSN) provides an additional Medicare benefit once an annual threshold in out-of-pocket costs for out-of-hospital services has been reached. Out-of-hospital services include GP and specialist attendances, as well as many pathology and diagnostic imaging services.

Safety Net	Concessional individuals and families*	All other individuals and families
Original Medicare Safety Net	\$470.00	\$470.00
Extended Medicare safety Net	\$680.70	\$2,133.00

^{*}Commonwealth Concession cardholders and families who receive Family Tax Benefit (Part A)

OMSN and EMSN thresholds are indexed annually on 1 January in line with the CPI (September Quarter)

Further Information

Information on the Extended Medicare Safety Net is available in the <u>Extended Medicare Safety Net Fact Sheet</u> on this website.

Further information on the Medicare Safety Nets is available on the <u>Department of Human Services</u> website or you can contact the Department of Human Services – Medicare:

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