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Medicare Urgent Care Clinics (Medicare UCC) will ease the pressure on our emergency departments and give Australian families more options to see a healthcare professional when they have an urgent, but not life-threatening, need for care.

The clinics will:

- be based in existing GP clinics and community health centres
- provide bulk billed services, offering an alternative for patients who could otherwise not afford care
- be open after normal business hours
- provide treatments that would not require a hospital admission.

Is this urgent care?

Yes:

- closed fractures
- wounds
- simple eye injuries
- minor burns
- treating Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
- ear infections.

No:

- mental health treatment plans
- chronic disease management
- preventative health procedures (e.g. cervical screening tests)
- follow up care.

How to register

- 1. Clinic submits an Expression of Interest (EOI) to become a Medicare UCC.**
- 2. Clinic receives confirmation they have been selected as a Medicare UCC and receive a Welcome Pack. They register on the Organisation Register.**
- 3. Clinic notifies provider to obtain a secondary provider number.**
- 4. Services Australia links provider number with the Medicare UCC.**
- 5. Provider provides Medicare UCC healthcare and commences billing.**

