

**Submission  
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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO  
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL,  
REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Just yesterday I received an email from my local GP through the medical centre he operated from informing me that from the start of January 2021 the medical service will only bulk bill persons with government services ie pension and those in government benefits programs JobStart etc.

Otherwise they now require a service fee paid and enclosed the schedule so from Jan 21 \$69 dollars something to have a basic 15 min appointment. I am discussed at this step.

I had lived in Armidale NSW where all the GPS charged a fee over the top of Medicare and it greatly impacted the ability to seek medical assistance heaven help all the we'd as they get swamped by people without any other medical options.

What happened to that lucky country as it's a mirage now.