

Medicare Safety Net Threshold

Medicare Safety Nets have thresholds. When you spend certain amounts in gap and out of pocket costs, you will reach the thresholds. Once you have reached the thresholds, you'll start getting higher Medicare benefits. This means you will get more money back from for certain Medicare services.

Eligibility:

- a. Must hold a current Medicare card
- b. Must have a current Eating Disorder Management Plan, Mental Health Care Plan, Chronic Disease Management Plan and/or Psychiatry referral from your referring doctor.
- c. All clients and families who receive Family Tax Benefit

If you receive Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A and/or hold a concession card, you will be eligible for higher Medicare benefits once \$717.90 is reached.

For all other clients and families who do not receive FTB part A or hold a concession card, once \$2249.80 is reached, higher Medicare benefits will be provided.

Please note, for any medical practitioner who has bulk billed or billed a private health item code, this will not apply to your Medicare Safety Net Threshold. Your Medicare Threshold will restart at the beginning of each calendar year.

To determine what your Safety Net Threshold is, please download the Medicare Express App or alternatively, phone Medicare to obtain this information.

Please ask one of our client care team if you need any further assistance or clarification on Medicare Safety Net Thresholds.