

# Medicare repayment responsibilities

If your CTP claim compensation is more than \$5,000, you may be unable to also receive Medicare benefits for the same injuries. These benefits need to be repaid to Medicare from your compensation.

You or the CTP Insurer handling your claim can ask for a copy of your *Medicare history statement* from Medicare to find out what repayments are required. A [Medicare Compensation Recovery Medicare history statement request form](#) is used to do this.

The *statement* lists the benefits Medicare paid since the date of the injuries. A *declaration* will come with the *statement* for you to tell Medicare if you received any other Medicare benefits related to your accident injury.

If you want someone else to deal with Medicare for you, you will need to complete a [Medicare Compensation Recovery Third party authority form](#).

## Your responsibilities

Tick all the items on the *Medicare history statement* that relate to the injuries. Send your completed *statement* and *declaration* to Medicare within 28 days. If you need more time, call Medicare on **132 127**.

If the forms are unreturned, you will have to repay Medicare for all the services on your *statement*.

Medicare will contact you if it thinks your *statement* was completed incorrectly.

## Insurer's responsibility

The insurer must tell Medicare within 28 days of your claim settling if:

- the compensation is over \$5,000; and
- a reimbursement arrangement was made more than six months after the date your claim was lodged.

## Notice of past benefits

Medicare will add up each Medicare benefit relating to your CTP claim from the *statement* and *declaration* and send a *Notice of past benefits* to you and the insurer. The purpose of the *Notice of past benefits* is to inform the amount to repay to Medicare.

Call Medicare on **132 127** if you think the details on your *Notice* are incorrect.

## Notice of charge

Your *Notice of past benefits* is valid for six months. If your CTP claim settles while the *notice* is valid, it becomes your *Notice of charge*. Your *Notice of charge* states the total to be repaid to Medicare by the insurer.

The insurer must repay Medicare first and then pay the remaining compensation to you.

## If you do not have a valid *Notice of past benefits* at claim settlement

If your *Notice of past benefits* has expired when your claim settles, you may:

### • Get a new *Notice of charge*

You can request a new *Medicare history statement* and *declaration*.

You will need to identify any benefits used since your last *Notice of past benefits*. Medicare will send a new *Notice of past benefits* which becomes your *Notice of charge*.

- **Have the insurer make an advance payment in some circumstances**

The insurer will pay 10% of your compensation to Medicare within 28 days and the remaining 90% to you.

Medicare will then send you a new *Medicare history statement* and *declaration*. Send your completed *statement* and *declaration* to Medicare within 28 days.

If the amount due to Medicare is less than the advance payment, the difference will be returned to you. Medicare will do this within 28 days of issuing a *Notice of charge*.

If the amount due to Medicare is more than the advance payment, you will need to pay Medicare the difference. Payment must be made within 28 days of Medicare issuing a *Notice of charge*.

- **Complete a *Section 23A Statement***

You can complete a [Medicare Compensation Recovery Section 23A Statement form](#) if you have not received any relevant Medicare benefits since your *Notice of past benefits* expired. Medicare will send a new *Notice of charge*.

## Summary of what you need to do

### Before your CTP claim settles

**Step 1:** Complete your *Medicare history statement* and *declaration*

**Step 2:** Return the forms to Medicare

**Step 3:** Check your *Notice of past benefits*.

### When your CTP claim settles

**With a valid *Notice of past benefits***, the insurer will repay Medicare and then pay the remaining compensation to you.

**With an expired *Notice of past benefits***, your options are to:

- get a new *Notice of charge*; or
- arrange with the insurer for the insurer to make an advance payment; or
- complete a *Section 23A Statement*.

For more information see [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare-compensation-recovery](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare-compensation-recovery) or contact Medicare on **132 127** or your insurer.