

## Private Health Insurance – Rebate Income Tested

A reminder that from 1 July 2012, the private health insurance rebate and the Medicare levy surcharge is income tested using three income tiers.

Higher income earners receive less private health insurance rebate or, if they do not have the appropriate level of private patient hospital cover, the Medicare levy surcharge may increase.

Your income threshold calculation is based on the definition of income used to calculate Medicare levy surcharge for individuals or families. The 2012-13 income thresholds are provided in the table below.

	<b>Unchanged</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Income</b>
Singles	\$84,000 or less	\$84,001-\$97,000	\$97,001-\$130,000	\$130,001 or more
Families	\$168,000 or less	\$168,001-\$194,000	\$194,001-\$260,000	\$260,001 or more
<b>Rebate</b>				
under 65	30%	20%	10%	0%
65-69	35%	25%	15%	0%
70 or over	40%	30%	20%	0%
<b>Medicare levy surcharge</b>				
Rates	0.0%	1.0%	1.25%	1.5%

If your income is over the above thresholds you will need to contact your health fund to have them adjust your rebate to the correct level.