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Submission: My wife and I are both 65 years old and do not hold a pension card but both have NSW Seniors cards and are current Gold Opal Card users.

Increasing the maximum charge per day for all Seniors (Gold Opal Card Holders) to \$3.60 per day is considered reasonable in the circumstances.

However, what is not reasonable is discriminating against non pension card holders by increasing the daily maximum to \$9. I can see no justification for this discrimination. It assumes that people who do not qualify for a pension card have a lot more money than pensioners and can afford to pay more. The fact is you only need to have one dollar more than the cut off amount to not qualify for the pension card. We also get no reductions in Council Rates, electricity, telephone etc. as do pension card holders so our cost of living is considerably higher.

Please remove the non pension card holders discrimination from your report as it is just not fair.