

## **PASE BULLETIN NO. 7 - MEDICAL FACILITIES AND HEALTH**

Health care facilities in Kiribati are adequate for routine medical care, but extremely limited in availability and quality. Serious medical conditions requiring hospitalization or evacuation to the United States or elsewhere may cost thousands of dollars. All PASE investigators are therefore required to show proof of **Emergency Medical Evacuation insurance**.

All water should be regarded as a potential health risk. Visitors should therefore refrain from drinking any water that is not bottled, boiled or otherwise sterilized. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit should be peeled before it is eaten.

Routine medical services are provided free to Australian citizens & permanent residents. Private billing applies to workers' compensation and insurance examinations. Dental services are available at the hospital for a scheduled fee. The dentist also operates a school dental health clinic. A voluntary St Johns Ambulance service also operates on the island.

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