

Practice Incentive Payments and Service Incentive Payments Summary

Item	Activity	Item Number & type of consult	PIP (\$ per SWPE)	SIP (\$ per patient)	Notes	PIP Enquiry Line: 1800 222 032
Diabetes	Patient register and recall / reminder system	N/A	\$1.00 (Approx. \$1,000 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only. Practice must be registered for PIP. Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments.	
	Annual cycle of care for patients with Diabetes	Level B - 2517 or 2518 Level C - 2521 or 2522 Level D - 2525 or 2526		\$40 per Diabetic patient	These item numbers should be used in place of the usual attendance items, when a consultation completes the minimum annual requirements of care.	
	Outcomes payment	N/A	\$20 per Diabetic patient, per annum		Payment only made to practices that have a min. of 2% of their patient population as diagnosed diabetics. Payment made to practices where 20% of diabetes patients have a completed Annual Cycle of Care.	
Asthma	Sign-on payment	N/A	\$0.25 (Approx. \$250 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only. Practice must be registered for PIP. Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments.	
	Asthma Cycle of Care	Level B - 2546 or 2547 Level C - 2552 or 2553 Level D - 2558 or 2559		\$100 per patient, per annum PLUS consultation fees	These item numbers should be used in place of the usual attendance items, when a consultation completes the minimum requirements for the Asthma Cycle of Care. The Asthma Cycle of Care targets patients with <i>moderate to severe</i> asthma.	
Cervical Screening	Sign-on payment	N/A	\$0.25 (Approx. \$250 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only. Practice must be registered for PIP. Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments.	
	Screening women aged 20-69 years inclusive, who have not been screened in the past 4 years	Level A - 2497 Level B - 2501 or 2503 Level C - 2504 or 2506 Level D - 2507 or 2509 PN - 10995 or 10999		\$35 per patient	These MBS items must be used instead of the standard consultation items, in order to be eligible for this payment PN - Practice Nurse item numbers	
	Outcomes payment	N/A	\$3.00 per female WPE aged between 20 and 69, per annum		Payment is made to practices where a minimum of 50% of women aged between 20 and 69 yrs inclusive have been screened in the past 30 months (<i>paid on a quarterly basis</i>).	
Immunisation	Completing an age-appropriate immunisation schedule	N/A		\$6.00 ACIR Information Payment	A Notification Payment of \$6 is given by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) when a GP makes a notification on the completion of an age appropriate immunisation. GPs must complete a registration form - ACIR Payment Account Details For Immunisation Providers - which is lodged with Medicare Australia. ACIR Enquiry Line: 1800 653 809 or www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/acir	
	Outcomes payment	N/A	\$3.50 per WPE		\$3.50 for age-appropriate immunisation rate 90% and over. Practices must register with the General Practice Immunisation Incentive (GPII) Program. GPII Enquiry Line: 1800 246 101 or www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/gpii	

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e-Health	<p>Requirement 1: Secure messaging capability</p> <p>Requirement 2: PKI location/site certificates for the practice and an individual PKI certificate for each practitioner working at the practice</p> <p>Requirement 3: Access to key electronic clinical resources</p>	\$6.50 per SWPE, per annum	<p>To qualify practices must meet each of the requirements:</p> <p>Requirement 1: Practices must have a secure messaging capability. The eligible secure messaging suppliers list is available at the National e-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) website www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors</p> <p>Requirement 2: Each practice must have a location/site Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate and each medical practitioner working at the practice must have an individual PKI certificate. Application forms are available at the Medicare website www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pkiforms</p> <p>Requirement 3: At least one key electronic clinical resource from each of the categories in table 1 of the e-Health Incentive Guidelines and at least three electronic resources from any of the categories in table 2. Please refer to the e-Health Incentive Guidelines released by the Practice Incentives Program or visit the PIP website www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pip</p>	
After Hours Care	<p>Tier 1: Ensuring patients have access to 24-hour care, including access to out-of-hours visits (at home, in a residential aged care facility and in hospital).</p>	\$2.00 per SWPE, per annum	'After Hours' refers to any time outside 8am to 6pm weekdays and 8am to 12noon on Saturday.	
	<p>Tier 2: Practices with 2,000 SWPEs or less must cover at least 10 hours per week of their after-hours care arrangements. Practices with more than 2,000 SWPEs must cover at least 15 hours per week of their after-hours care arrangements.</p>	\$2.00 per SWPE, per annum	Practices must meet 'Tier 1' requirements. This is in addition to 'Tier 1' payment. This may include participation in a co-operative roster system to provide after-hours care with other practitioners in the practice area.	
	<p>Tier 3: The practice provides 24-hour, 7 day a week care from within the practice including out-of-hours visits (at home, in a residential aged care facility and in hospital).</p>	\$2.00 per SWPE, per annum	<p>All after hours care must be provided to all patients from within the practice. The use of a deputising service or participation in a co-operative roster system does not count towards this tier. Generally practices participating in co-operative arrangements are not eligible for Tier 3 as practice GPs are not usually providing after-hours cover for the patients for the entire after-hours period. This is in addition to 'Tier 1 & 2' payments.</p>	
Quality Prescribing	Practice participation in quality use of medicines programs, endorsed by the National Prescribing Service	\$1.00 per SWPE	This incentive is to assist practices in keeping up to date with information on the quality use of medicines. Payment will only be made if the practice meets a minimum participation level, set at an average of three activities per FTE GP per year.	
Practice Nurse	Practice employs or retains the services of a practice nurse and are located in an urban area of workforce shortage	RRMA's 1-2: \$8.00 RRMA's 3-7: \$7.00 per SWPE	Contact the division for further information, including which suburbs are eligible for the payment. The Practice Nurse is required to work a minimum number of sessions per week depending on the SWPE of the practice.	
Teaching	Teaching of medical students	\$100.00 per session	Payments are made to practices that host university medical student placements. Maximum 2 sessions per day.	

SWPE = Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent

Source: Medicare Australia www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pip