

Payments Under the PIP Quality Stream June 2020

The table below explains the payments under the Practice Incentives Programme Quality Stream. **For full information please go to <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/services/medicare/practice-incentives-program>**

Quality Improvement Incentive

Aspect or Activity	Payment amount
Practices must meet each of the requirements to qualify for payments through this incentive. See eligibility below.	\$5.00 per SWPE capped at \$12,500 per practice per quarter
A set of ten Improvement Measures has been developed based on the nKPIs and adapted for broader use across all general practices	
1. Proportion of patients with diabetes with a current HbA1c result	
2. Proportion of patients with a smoking status	
3. Proportion of patients with a weight classification	
4. Proportion of patients aged 65 and over who were immunised against influenza	
5. Proportion of patients with diabetes who were immunised against influenza	
6. Proportion of patients with COPD who were immunised against influenza	
7. Proportion of patients with an alcohol consumption status	
8. Proportion of patients with the necessary risk factors assessed to enable CVD assessment	
9. Proportion of female patients with an up-to-date cervical screening	
10. Proportion of patients with diabetes with a blood pressure result.	

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a PIP QI payment general practices must:

- be eligible for the PIP
- register for the PIP QI Incentive
- electronically submit the PIP Eligible Data Set to their local PHN quarterly
- undertake continuous quality improvement activities in partnership with their local PHN.

Where can you find further information:

- [Services Australia - QI Incentive Payment](#)
- [NBMPHN QI PIP Support](#)

Indigenous Health Incentive

Incentive	Aspect or activity	Payment amount
Indigenous Health Incentive	Sign on payment: once only payment to practices that agree to undertake specified activities to improve the provision of care to their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patients with a chronic disease	\$1,000 per practice
	Patient registration payment: payment to practices for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander patient aged 15 years and over who is registered with the practice for chronic disease management	\$250 per eligible patient per calendar year
	Outcomes payment Tier 1: payment to practices for each registered patient for whom a target level of care is provided by the practice in a calendar year	\$100 per eligible patient per calendar year

eHealth Incentive

The table below shows the requirements and payment amounts for eHealth Incentive.

Aspect or Activity	Payment amount
Practices must meet each of the requirements to qualify for payments through this incentive	\$6.50 per SWPE capped at \$12,500 per practice per quarter

For the purpose of eHealth requirement 5 (iii):

- The SWPE count in your last Payment Advice is the SWPE value for calculating your shared health summary upload target for the current quarter.
- To determine your practice's minimum upload target, multiply the SWPE in your Payment Advice by 0.5%.
- If your practice is new to PIP or has a SWPE of less than 1,000 your practice will be given a default SWPE level of 1,000 to determine the minimum number of shared health summaries that are required to be uploaded. The default SWPE is not used in any PIP payment calculations.

After Hours Incentive

The table below shows the requirements and payment amounts for After Hours Incentive.

Aspect or Activity	Payment amount
Level 1: Participation Practices must meet the requirements of Level 1 to qualify for payment at this level	\$1 per SWPE
Level 2: Sociable after hours cooperative coverage Practices must meet the requirements of Level 2 to qualify for payment at this level	\$4 per SWPE
Level 3: Sociable after hours practice coverage Practices must meet the requirements of Level 3 to qualify for payment at this level	\$5.50 per SWPE
Level 4: Complete after hours cooperative coverage Practices must meet the requirements of Level 4 to qualify for payment at this level	\$5.50 per SWPE
Level 5: Complete after hours practice coverage Practices must meet the requirements of Level 5 to qualify for payment at this level	\$11 per SWPE

For the purposes of After Hours:

- Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent (SWPE) is a measure of practice size and includes a weighting factor for the age and gender of patients. As a guide, the average full-time GP has a SWPE value of around 1,000 SWPEs annually.
- Payments for each level are capped at a maximum of 20,000 SWPE per eligible practice.

Teaching payment

The table below shows the requirements and payment amounts for the teaching payment.

Aspect or Activity	Payment amount
Payment for teaching medical students to a maximum of 2 sessions per GP per day (<i>practices can only claim \$200/session, regardless of how many students are in that session</i>)	\$100 per session provided before 1 January 2015 \$200 per session provided after 1 January 2015

Aged Care Access Incentive

The table below shows the requirements and payment amounts for Aged Care Access Incentive.

Aspect or Activity	Payment amount
Tier 1: payment to GPs for providing at least 60 eligible Medicare Benefits Schedule services in residential aged care facilities in the financial year	\$1,500 per financial year
Tier 2: payment to GPs for providing at least 140 eligible Medicare Benefits Schedule services in residential aged care facilities in the financial year	\$3,500 per financial year

Payments under the PIP Rural Support Stream

The table below explains the payments under the Practice Incentives Programme Rural support stream. For practices in Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area classifications 3,4,5,6 or 7.

Incentive	Aspect or activity	Payment amount
Rural loading Incentive	<p>Payment for a practice whose main location is outside a metropolitan area, based on the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) Classification.</p> <p>Once all incentive payments are added (excluding the Service Incentive Payments), the rural loading amount is applied.</p>	<p>RRMA 3 - 15% loading</p> <p>RRMA 4 - 20% loading</p> <p>RRMA 5 - 40% loading</p> <p>RRMA 6 - 25% loading</p> <p>RRMA 7 - 50% loading</p>
Procedural GP Payment	<p>Tier 1: Payment for a GP in a rural or remote practice who provides at least 1 procedural service, which meets the definition of a procedural service, in the 6-month reference period</p> <p>Tier 2: Payment for a GP in a rural or remote practice who meets the Tier 1 requirement and provides after-hours procedural services on a regular or rostered basis (15 hours per week on average) throughout the 6-month reference period</p> <p>Tier 3: Payment for a GP in a rural or remote practice who meets the Tier 2 requirements and provides 25 or more eligible surgical, anaesthetic or obstetric services in the 6-month reference period</p> <p>Tier 4: Payment for a GP in a rural or remote practice who meets the Tier 2 requirements and delivers 10 or more babies in the 6 month reference period or meets the obstetric needs of the community</p>	<p>\$1,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period</p> <p>\$2,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period</p> <p>\$5,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period</p> <p>\$8,500 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period</p>