

Payments Under the PIP Quality Stream December 2017

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

Incentive	Aspect or activity	Payment amount
Diabetes Incentive	Sign on payment: once only payment to practices that use a patient register and a recall and reminder system for the patients with diabetes mellitus	\$1 per SWPE
	Outcomes payment: payment to practices that complete an annual cycle of care for a target proportion of their patients with diabetes	\$20 per diabetic SWPE per year
	Service incentive payment: payment to general practitioners (GPs) for each cycle of care completed for patients with established diabetes mellitus	\$40 per patient per year
Cervical Screening Incentive	Sign on payment: Once only payment to practices that apply for the PIP Cervical Screening Incentive	\$0.25 per SWPE
	Outcomes payment: payment to practices where at least 70 per cent of eligible patients are screened in a 30 month reference period	\$3 per eligible WPE
	Service incentive payment: Payment to GPs for each Cervical Screening Test on an under-screened woman aged at least 24 years and 9 months but less than 75 years of age.	\$35 per patient per year
Asthma Incentive	Sign on payment: once only payment to practices that use a patient register and a recall and reminder system, and agree to use the asthma cycle of care	\$0.25 per SWPE
	Service incentive payment: payment to GPs for each completed cycle of care for patients with moderate to severe asthma (2 visits)	\$100 per patient per year
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
Quality Prescribing Incentive	Practice participation in (3) recognised activities endorsed by NPS MedicineWise. Paid annually in May.	\$1 per SWPE

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	\$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	Payment for a practice whose main location is outside a metropolitan area, based on the Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area (RRMA) Classification.	RRMA 3 - 15% loading
	Once all incentive payments are added (excluding the Service Incentive Payments), the rural loading amount is applied.	RRMA 4 - 20% loading
		RRMA 5 - 40% loading
		RRMA 6 - 25% loading
		RRMA 7 - 50% loading
Procedural GP Payment	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	\$1,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period
	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	\$2,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period
	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	\$5,000 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period
	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	\$8,500 per procedural GP per 6 month reference period