

PIP e-Health Incentive Information

What is the PIP e-Health incentive?

Practices can claim \$6.50 per Standardized Whole Patient Equivalent (SWPE) that is capped at \$12,500 per quarter if they comply with the PIP e-Health incentive. This incentive aims to encourage practices to utilize a secure IT environment and take advantage of Information Technology and Communications.

What is needed to be eligible for this incentive?

PIP

The practice must participate in the Practice Incentives Program (PIP).

For PIP information visit the following link

<http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pip/index.jsp>

For e-PIP Application form visit [http://www.nsgpn.org.au/files/E-pip application form.pdf](http://www.nsgpn.org.au/files/E-pip%20application%20form.pdf)

SECURE MESSAGING CAPABILITY

Practices need to have the ability to send/ receive, share and exchange any clinical and medical information securely. This can be done by having secure messaging software installed on the computers at the practice. A list of accredited vendors will be available by the 14th of April on the NeHTA website

<http://www.nehta.gov.au/pipweb/eligible-suppliers>

Please note that MD Exchange is secure messaging software which is part of Medical Director 3, NSGPN will also provide you with free installation of the Argus Secure Messaging Software if you wish.

PKI

PKI stands for Public Key Infrastructure which is a mix of Policies, Standards and Technology incorporated in a license that sits on your server which gives you the ability to transfer documents and images between computers securely.

To be eligible for the e-Health Incentive, *practices must have or have applied for a Location PKI* (Free through Medicare); if a practice already utilizes the online Medicare claiming ability then it would already have a location PKI certificate. GP's will need to apply for an *Individual PKI* if they don't already have one. Call Medicare to apply for a location/individual PKI certificate.

For more information, please visit <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/vendors/pki/faq.jsp>

ELECTRONIC CLINICAL RESOURCES

Up to date clinical resources must be available to GPs. This is broken down in the following groups:

At least one resource from each group below must be available	At least three resources from any of the groups below must be available
Formulary of medicines available in Australia <i>E.g. Australian Medicines Handbook</i>	Journal of evidence based clinical care <i>E.g. Bandolier, Clinical Evidence</i>
Evidence-based guide to recommendations about patient management that covers all common disorders seen in general practice <i>E.g. e-Therapeutic Guidelines</i>	Latest editions of Clinical Resources <i>E.g. Australian Immunisation Handbook</i>
Evidence-based guide to preventive activities in general practice <i>E.g. Putting prevention into practice</i> http://www.racgp.org.au/greenbook	Regularity Resources <i>E.g. Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)</i>

It is important to note that the resources must be available on the computer desktop in the consulting room either on the hard drive, as a CD-ROM, or as a direct link to a website.

An example of a resource combination:

Category 1 Resources (Practices Need 1 resource from each Category below)	Category 2 Resources (Practices Need any 3 from the list below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian Prescriber/MD Reference (Free With MD3) - e-Therapeutic Guidelines - John Murtagh's General Practice, 4th Edition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Benefits Schedule (MBS)</i> - <i>Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)</i> - <i>RACGP Green Book</i> - <i>RACGP Silver Book</i> - <i>Bandolier</i> - www.dreref.com.au/ausmedsite.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AusDI/MD Reference (Free with MD3) - Pharmaceutical Products Explorer (Free with Best Practice) - E-MIM - Australian Medicines Handbook 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>RACGP Green Book</i> http://www.racgp.org.au/greenbook - <i>RACGP Red Book</i> http://www.racgp.org.au/guidelines/redbook/ 	

Any Resources that are highlighted in green are for free and are available online, if the resource is a website then please create a shortcut of that website on every desktop, if the resource is an electronic document then please have a shortcut of that document available on the desktop of all the computers in the practice.

For more information please visit www.nsgpn.org.au/e-PIP.htm or call Rob Khamas on 9411 3533