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Tackling Indigenous Chronic Disease

PIP Indigenous Health Incentive

PBS Co-Payment Measure.




Overview

- What is the PIP?
- PIP entry requirements
- PIP Indigenous Health Incentive
- Three components:
 - **Sign-on Payment** - \$1,000 (one-off payment)
 - **Patient Registration Payment** - \$250 per eligible patient, per calendar year
 - **Outcomes Payments** – up to \$250 per eligible patient, per calendar year



Practice Incentives Program (PIP)

The PIP aims to encourage continuing improvements in general practice through financial incentives to support quality care, and improve access and health outcomes for patients.



PIP Entry Requirements


Practices must:

- Meet the RACGP definition of a 'general practice'
- Be accredited or registered for accreditation against the RACGP *Standards for general practices*
- Have current public liability insurance
- Ensure that all practice GPs have current professional indemnity cover



PIP Indigenous Health Incentive

Aims to support general practices and Indigenous health services to provide better health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, including best practice management of chronic disease.



How to participate...

1. Join the PIP

Application forms available by contacting the PIP Enquiry Line

- Phone **1800 222 032**
- Email pip@medicareaustralia.gov.au

2. Sign-on for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive

One-off sign-on payment of \$1,000 to the practice

- Forms available at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pip

Sign-on Requirements

The practice must agree to:


- seek consent to register their eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients with Medicare Australia in order to access support through the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive and the PBS Co-payment Measure; and
- establish and use a mechanism to ensure their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients aged 15 years and over with a chronic disease are followed up; and
- from 1 July 2010, annotate PBS prescriptions for their eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients; and
- ensure that at least two staff members (one must be a GP) complete cultural awareness training within 12 months of signing on for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive.

Who is an 'eligible' patient?

- PIP Indigenous Health Incentive – the patient must:
 - self-identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
 - be aged 15 years and over
 - have a chronic disease(s)
 - have had (or been offered) a health check for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
 - have a current Medicare card
 - have provided informed consent to be registered with Medicare Australia for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive, by completing a patient consent form



Patient Consent

- Use the patient information sheet to help explain the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive and the PBS Co-payment Measure to your eligible patients.
 - Each patient needs to sign the patient consent form to be registered for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive and/or the PBS Co-payment Measure.
 - Keep the signed forms on file at the practice – you don't need to send these forms to Medicare.
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Patient Registration

- Complete a patient registration form for each patient who has signed a patient consent form.
- Send a copy of the form to Medicare, and keep the original form on file at the practice.
- Patient Registration Payment of **\$250 per patient** registered for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive.
- Patients are registered for the full calendar year.

Patient Re-registrations

- Patients are registered for the PIP Indigenous Health Incentive **for a calendar year.**
- Patients need to provide consent again if they wish to be registered again in the next calendar year.
- Practice needs to complete a new patient registration form each calendar year and send it to Medicare.
- Patients **do not** need to be re-registered for the PBS Co-payment Measure.

Outcomes Payments – Tier 1

A payment of **\$100 per patient** is made to practices that:

- prepare a GP Management Plan (GPMP) or coordinate the development of Team Care Arrangements (TCA) for the patient in a calendar year; **and**
- undertake at least one review of the GPMP or the TCA during the calendar year.

OR


- undertake two reviews of the patient's GPMP or TCA during the calendar year.

OR

- contribute to the preparation of, or contribute to a review of, a multidisciplinary care plan for a patient in a residential aged care facility on two occasions during the calendar year.



Outcomes Payments – Tier 2

- A payment of **\$150 per patient** is made to the practice that provides the majority of eligible MBS services for the patient (minimum of 5 eligible MBS services) during the calendar year. This may include the services provided to qualify for the Tier 1 outcomes payment.
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The PBS Co-Payment

- Brief overview of the PBS Co-Payment
- Key information about the PBS Co-Payment

Key features

1. Service eligibility ::
 - PIP IHI participating general practices
 - Indigenous health services (whether in PIP or not)
2. Lower costs for PBS medicines available for eligible patients via annotated PBS prescriptions
 - General patients :: \$5.40*
 - Concessional patients :: nil PBS co-payment*
3. Pharmacists reimbursed by Medicare Australia

*some fees such as Brand & therapeutic group premiums may be payable

Key features

- 1. Indigenous health services ::
 - A practice / ACCHS / clinic providing primary care services to a predominantly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population; AND
 - Eligible to provide Medicare services; AND
 - Located in RRMA 1-5.

[DoHA will assess eligibility]

Key features

2. Patient eligibility

The measure is intended to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of any age who:

- i) present with an existing chronic disease or chronic disease risk factor; **and**

in the opinion of the doctor:

- ii) would experience setbacks in the prevention or ongoing management of chronic disease if the person did not take the prescribed medicine; and
- iii) are unlikely to adhere to their medicines regimen without assistance through the Measure.

For more information...

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- Medicare Australia website
 - www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/PIP