



Practice Incentive Payments (PIP) Incentives

The Practice Incentive Payments (PIP), introduced in November 2001, aims to recognise practices providing comprehensive, quality care for their patients.

- To receive PIP Payments, Practices must be fully accredited.
- Most components of the PIP are proportional to SWPE* and practice size.
- Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent - See PIP Resource Manual for more detail

In general there are 3 types of incentive payments:

1) Sign on Payment

One off payment intended to assist with setting up registers & recalls or for purchase of new equipment e.g. Spirometer. Paid to the Practice (except for Mental Health).

2) Service Incentive Payment

Intended to remunerate the individual GP for the services. This payment is made in addition to the Medicare rebate for the consultation. Paid quarterly via PIP.

3) Services Outcomes Payment

Remunerates practices for reaching target levels of care.
Paid directly to Practice via PIP.

What incentives are available?

There are a number of incentives practices are eligible for:

Chronic Disease Management

- Asthma
- Cervical Screening
- Diabetes
- Mental Health

Other Practice Incentives

- Practice Nurse
- IM/IT
- Aged Care
- After Hours Care
- Quality Prescribing Initiatives
- e-Health
- Indigenous Health

GP Network Support

Fremantle GP Network is able to offer practical advice to support you in understanding and accessing these incentives. We have also developed a number of very useful resources which can support you in using these incentives.

Useful Links

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

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