

PIP - eHEALTH INCENTIVE

A Practical Reference Tool



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As you would be aware the Department of Health & Ageing recently announced the new PIP eHealth Incentive. Most “confusion” relates to the requirements of Criteria 3 – especially the electronic resources required under the first two categories in TABLE 1. There will be NO definitive list of compliant resources published; any published lists are a guide only. Practices/practitioners need to determine which resources best meet their own requirements.

Significant information and access to electronic resources can be found on the RACGP website - www.racgp.org.au/pip

At this stage it is believed that compliance will be based on a practice self –audit.

Both the AAPM & RACGP strongly encourage practices to review their needs and satisfy themselves of resources utilised; do not rely solely on claims made by third parties that use of such a product ensures compliance. In particular we encourage you to check with your clinical software provider that resources incorporated into their system are the current edition.

Criteria 1.

Secure Messaging Capability.

The practice must have the **capability** to securely exchange patient clinical and medical information. i.e. – you do not have to use only have capability. A list of eligible suppliers is available on the NEHTA website.

www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors

Tip – Many practices receive electronic results. The programs utilised by senders (e.g. - Healthlink, Promed.net, etc) may well meet this criteria. Check NEHTA website. If compliant you have met the criteria.

Criteria 2.

Location and Individual Practitioner Certificates.

Each practice location AND EACH practitioner will need to have applied for a PKI Certificate. If practice currently uses Medicare On-Line you will have a Location Certificate. n.b. - each practitioner must apply for, but not necessarily use, an Individual Certificate.

Forms available from Medicare Australia

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/register/forms.jsp

Individual Practitioner Application Form -

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/register/files/application-pip-ehealth-incentive.pdf

Criteria 3.

Access to key Electronic Clinical Resources.

Access must be available on the computer desktop in the consulting room and practitioners must be able to explain how they access the electronic resources.

Tip – contact your software provider and include link to resource in the Clinical Software Resource / Library. This way the practitioner can access the resource whilst in the clinical software.

Practice must provide each practitioner at least 6 electronic resources (1 each from the 3 categories in Table 1 and 3 from any category in Table 2).

Tip – Table 1. Category 1 & Category 2: Check with your clinical software provider as to resources provided within the program. (MIMs On-line may satisfy Category 2)

Category 3 – RACGP Red Book On-Line:
www.racgp.org.au/redbook/static/index.htm

Tip – Table 2. any 3 of the links below will satisfy the resources required.

MBS On-Line:

www9.health.gov.au/mbs/search.cfm?q=t8.7&sopt=S

PBS On-Line: www.pbs.gov.au/html/healthpro/home

Aust Immunisation Handbook 9 On-Line:
www.health.gov.au/internet/immunise/publishing.nsf/Content/Handbook-home

RACGP – Standards for General Practice:

www.racgp.org.au/standards

RACGP - Green Book On-line: www.racgp.org.au/greenbo

Practices should also review associated PIP payment and any effect new incentive will have on practice income.