



Australian Government

Department of Health and Ageing

Practice Incentives Program  
eHealth Incentive

Application Form

The Practice Incentives Program (PIP) eHealth Incentive aims to encourage practices to keep up to date with the latest developments in eHealth.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the PIP eHealth Incentive, your practice must:

- participate in the PIP;
- have a secure messaging capability, which is provided by an eligible supplier;
- have (or have applied for) a location/site Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate for the practice and each practice branch, and ensure that each medical practitioner working at the practice has (or has applied for) an individual PKI certificate; and
- provide practitioners from the practice with access to a range of key electronic clinical resources.

**More Information:**

Web:

[www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pip](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pip)

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[pip@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:pip@medicareaustralia.gov.au)

Phone:

**1800 222 032\***

Hours of operation are between

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Australian Central Standard Time

\* Call charges apply from mobile and pay phones only.

Practice address

Practice phone number

Practice fax number

**Requirement 1 – Secure messaging capability**

1. Does your practice have a secure messaging capability?  
 **Yes**     **No**
2. Is the supplier of your practice management system or messaging service an eligible supplier for the purpose of the PIP eHealth Incentive?  
 **Yes**     **No**
3. If you answered *No* to question 2 above, will your practice have a secure messaging capability, which is provided by an eligible supplier, by 31 July 2009?  
 **Yes**     **No**

Note: A full list of eligible suppliers is available on the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) website at [www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors](http://www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors).

Practices that answered *Yes* to question 3 above, that do not have a secure messaging capability provided by an eligible supplier by 31 July 2009, must advise Medicare Australia within 14 calendar days.

**Requirement 2 – PKI certificates for the practice and each practitioner**

4. Does the main practice location have (or has applied for) a location/site PKI certificate?  
 **Yes**     **No**

Please complete the following:

Practice name

PIP Practice Registration Number

5. Does each practice branch have (or has applied for) a location/site PKI certificate?  
 Yes     No     N/A

6. Does each medical practitioner working at the practice have (or have applied for) an individual PKI certificate (excluding Locums)?  
 Yes     No

Note: Practices will be considered to have met this requirement once they have applied to Medicare Australia for PKI certificates. Practices do not need to wait until they have actually received their certificates to begin qualifying for payments through the eHealth Incentive.

Locums are exempt from this requirement. To maintain compliance with this requirement, new practitioners must apply to Medicare Australia for an individual PKI certificate within 14 calendar days of joining the practice.

**Requirement 3 – Access to key electronic clinical resources**

7. Do all medical practitioners from the practice (and any practice branches) have access to at least **one** (1) of the key electronic clinical resources from **each** of the categories in **Table 1** below?  
 Yes     No

8. Do all practitioners from the practice (and any practice branches) have access to at least **three** (3) of the key electronic clinical resources from **any** of the categories in **Table 2** below?  
 Yes     No

9. Are each of these resources available on the computer desktop in the consulting room(s), either on the hard drive, as a CD-ROM, or as a direct link to a website?  
 Yes     No

10. Are all practitioners from the practice able to explain how they access and use the key electronic clinical resources?  
 Yes     No

**Table 1**

Category	Examples	Resources available at your practice
1. Concise, evidence-based guide to recommendations about patient management that covers all common disorders seen in general practice (latest edition)	e- Therapeutic Guidelines Complete	

2. Formulary of medicines available in Australia that provides comparative drug information reflective of contemporary Australian general practice and is independent of pharmaceutical company involvement (latest edition)	Australian Medicines Handbook	
3. Evidence-based guide to preventive activities in general practice which is relevant to the Australian population (latest edition)	RACGP: Guidelines for Preventive Activities in General Practice (known as the Red Book)	

**Table 2**

Category	Examples	Resources available at your practice
1. Journal of evidence-based clinical care	Bandolier; Clinical Evidence	
2. Clinical resources (latest editions)	Immunisation: Myths and Realities; The Australian Immunisation Handbook; Assessing Fitness to Drive	
3. Regulatory resources (latest editions)	Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS); Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)	

## Certification

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I certify that the statements made in this application are true and correct.

Name of authorised contact person (please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature of the authorised contact person

Date

Name of witness (please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature of witness

Date

## Privacy note

The information provided on this form will be used to assess the practice's eligibility for the PIP eHealth Incentive. Collection of this information is authorised under the provisions of *the Medicare Australia Act 1973* and Medicare Australia will provide the information (which may include identifying information) in this application to the Department of Health & Ageing (DoHA) for statistical, research and policy development.

Post your completed form to:

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**GPO Box 2572**  
**ADELAIDE SA 5001**

or fax to:

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