# PIP QI INFORMATION FOR PRACTICES

## WHAT IS THE PRACTICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM?

The Practice Incentives Program (PIP) supports general practice activities that encourage continuous improvements and quality care, improve capacity, access and health outcomes for patients. Payments made through the PIP are made to general practices that focus on aspects that contribute to quality care.

## WHAT IS THE PIP QI?

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| The PIP QI is a payment to general practices for activities that support continuous quality improvement in patient outcomes and the delivery of best practice care. Practices enrolled in the PIP QI commit to implementing continuous quality improvement activities to support patient health management. They also commit to providing de-identified data in 10 key Improvement Measures to contribute to local, regional and national health outcomes.  The Improvement Measures are:  1. Proportion of patients with diabetes with a current HbA1c result  2. Proportion of patients with a smoking status  3. Proportion of patients with a weight classification  4. Proportion of patients aged 65 and over who were immunised against influenza  5. Proportion of patients with diabetes who were immunised against influenza  6. Proportion of patients with COPD who were immunised against influenza  7. Proportion of patients with an alcohol consumption status  8. Proportion of patients with the necessary risk factors assessed to enable CVD assessment  9. Proportion of female patients with an up-to-date cervical screening  10. Proportion of patients with diabetes with a blood pressure result. |

## WHAT ARE THE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT INCENTIVES WITH PIP QI?

The 2017-2018 Federal budget announced changes to the PIP.

The changes represent a move away from process focussed funding towards outcome focussed funding. New measures were introduced to measure Quality Improvement (QI) in general practice. The new measure introduced a QI incentive into the PIP. The new QI incentive aims to improve:

* Access to care
* Detection and management of chronic conditions, and
* Quality, safety, performance and accountability.

To achieve these measures, practices must commit to:

* Quality improvement activities, and
* Sharing de-identified general practice data based on agreed measures to their local PHN.

Four process focussed incentives will cease but will be consolidated into the PIP QI incentive. These incentives include:

* Asthma Incentive
* Quality prescribing Incentive
* Cervical Screening Incentive
* Diabetes Incentive

General practices in Gippsland wishing to participate in the PIP QI Incentive will work with Gippsland PHN to implement quality improvement activities to support their role in the management of patients’ health. Implementation of the changes will commence **1 August 2019.**

## HOW CAN PRACTICES LEARN MORE ABOUT PIP QI?

## Webinar Series

Gippsland PHN with support from the Improvement Foundation has established a webinar series to provide practices with relevant information to the PIP QI.

The webinar series will take general practice teams through a step-by-step approach to meet the PIP QI requirements and will also provide participants with a broader understanding of QI, the important role of data in QI, and the power of engaging practice teams early in planning and implementing improvements. It is recommended that practice teams attend all four webinars to gain the maximum benefit.

The webinar series is scheduled to run between July and October 2019 (PIP Quarter 1). Webinars are available as lunchtime or evening sessions. Practices can register for all four webinars by selecting the time that best suits them and their team.

Practices can register via our [events page](https://www.gphn.org.au/education-continuing-professional-development/calendarevents/) or download the [GPHN PIP QI Webinar Series\_Flyer](https://www.gphn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/GPHN-PIP-QI-Webinar-Series_Flyer.pdf) for more information.

**Next upcoming webinar: 14 August 2019**

## GIPPSLAND PHN WEBPAGE

A webpage has been established on the Gippsland PHN website which continues to be updated as information is delivered from the Department. Please continue to refer practices to this page as a source of information.

<https://www.gphn.org.au/programs/practice-support/practice-incentive-program/>

Updates will continue to be provided via Gippsland PHN’s Practice News each week.

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