

Incentive News Update

New health professionals for the Workforce Incentives Program (WIP) – Practice Stream

In the October 2022–23 Budget, the Government agreed to expand the list of eligible health professional types that are eligible under the WIP-Practice Stream.

Midwives and paramedics are now eligible under the program.

You can include the average weekly hours that midwives and paramedics work from 1 November 2023 in your Quarterly Confirmation Statements (QCS).

The first quarterly payment to include these new health professionals will be made in February 2024.

If you've already submitted your February 2024 QCS, you can use the IP003 form to amend your health professional hours at any time.

You can find out how to add eligible health professionals and to confirm your QCS on our website by searching **QC52366**.

For more information about the WIP – Practice Stream, search **WIP Practice Stream** on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website

Practice changes

Your PIP and WIP – Practice Stream payments may be impacted if you don't tell us about changes to your practice. This includes registering and extending general practitioners on your practice profile.

You need to tell us about any changes within 7 days of the change, or at least 7 days before the next point-in-time date.

We may deny a review of decision request if you don't tell us about a practice change in time.

You can check your practice details:

- in HPOS
- on your quarterly payment advice
- on your PIP annual confirmation statement
- on your WIP – Practice Stream quarterly confirmation statement.

You can use HPOS to manage most changes in PIP and WIP – Practice Stream. Most changes made in HPOS are immediate.

If you can't make your changes using HPOS, you must send us the relevant form at least 7 days before the next point in time date. We will only accept up to date versions of our forms. You can download these from our website by searching hp forms.



Updates to the Practice Incentives Program Indigenous Health Incentive Guidelines

The Government announced changes to the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Indigenous Health Incentive Guidelines (IHI) in the 2021–22 Budget. The changes aim to improve continuity of care and management of chronic diseases and mental disorders for First Nations people.

The second phase of changes took effect on 1 January 2024 and include:

- an increase to Tier 2 payments
- a reduction in registration payments.

The table below outlines the payment transition:

	1 January 2023	1 January 2024	1 January 2025
Registration	\$150	\$100	\$0
Tier 1 outcome	\$100	\$100	\$100
Tier 2 outcome	\$150	\$200	\$300

You can view the PIP IHI Guidelines on our website by searching **QC52524**.

To find out more about these changes, search **IHI** on the Department of Health and Aged Care's website.

REMINDER: Update to the *PIP IHI patient registration and consent form (IP017)*

The PIP IHI is moving towards lifetime patient registration, which means from January 2025 you won't need to re-register existing patients each year. We've updated the *PIP IHI patient registration and consent* form to support your patients moving to lifetime registration.

You'll need to discard any printed or saved versions of the old IP017 form and download the updated one. Your registration may be rejected if you use an old version.

Download the updated form on our website by searching **ip017**.

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