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Item	Activity	Item Number & type of consult	PIP ($ per WPE)	SIP ($ per patient)	Notes
Diabetes	Patient register and recall / reminder system	N/A	$1.00 (Approx. $1,000 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only Practice must be registered for PIP Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments
	Annual cycle of care for patients with Diabetes	In-surgery consultations: Level B - 2517 ($34.30) Level C – 2521 ($66.45) Level D – 2525 ($97.80)		$40 per patient	These item numbers should be used in place of the usual attendance items, when a consultation completes the minimum annual requirements of care. Payable once per year per patient.
	Outcomes payment	N/A	$20.00 per patient with diabetes		Payment made ONLY to practices where **20%** of diabetics have completed an Annual Cycle of Care Payment only made to practices that have a **min. of 2%** of all patients with diabetes
Asthma	Sign-on payment	N/A	$0.25 (Approx. $250 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only Practice must be registered for PIP Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments
	Asthma Cycle of Care	In-surgery consultations: Level B – 2546 ($34.30) Level C – 2552 ($66.45) Level D – 2558 ($97.80)		$100 per patient	Asthma initiative is for patients **with moderate to severe asthma.** At least 2 asthma related consultations within 12 months (review consultation is to be a planned consultation). Payable once per year per patient.
Cervical Screening	Sign-on payment	N/A	$0.25 (Approx. $250 per FTE GP)		One-off payment only Practice must be registered for PIP Incentive payable with quarterly PIP payments
	Screening 'at risk' women who have not been screened in the past 4 years	In-surgery consultations: Level B – 2501 ($34.30) Level C – 2504 ($66.45) Level D – 2507 ($97.80)		$35 per patient	Payments are made for women screened between the ages of 20-69 yrs. These MBS items must be used instead of the standard consultation items, in order to be eligible for this payment These MBS items can **not** be used in conjunction with items 10994, 10995, 10998 or 10999 (as these are practice nurse item numbers for cervical screening)
	Outcomes payment	N/A	$3 per female WPE aged 20 - 69		Payment is made to practices where 50% of women aged between 20 and 69 yrs have been screened within the previous 30 months
Immunis-ation	ACIR Information Payment			$6.00 per notification	Payment to GPs for notifying ACIR (via encounter form or online) of vaccinations that **complete** an age-appropriate immunisation schedule.
	Outcomes payment	N/A	**$**3.50 per WPE for children <7yrs		$3.50 for age-appropriate immunisation **rate 90%** and over. Practices must register with the General Practice Immunisation Incentive (GPII) Program. **Enquiries: 1800 246 101** or www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

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E-Health	**Requirement 1:** Practices must have a secure messaging capability.	$6.50 (per SWPE) **Capped at $12,500 per quarter**	• A list of approved eligible secure messaging suppliers is available from NEHTA (National E-Health Transition Authority) and can be viewed at www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors • The secure messaging capability may be a direct extension to the practice management system or a separate messaging system.
	Requirement 2: The practice and each medical practitioner must have a valid PKI certificate.		• The practice must have a location/site certificate • Each practitioner (excluding locums) will need an individual certificate. • New certificates will be valid for 5 years.
	Requirement 3: The practice provides access to key electronic clinical resources for all medical practitioners.		• Electronic resources must be available on the hard drive, as a CD Rom, or direct link to a website. • There are two tables of categories available to choose resources from.
After Hours Care	**Tier 1:** Ensuring patients have access to 24-hour care (as specified in the application).	$2.00 (per SWPE)	'After Hours' refers to any time outside 8am to 6pm weekdays and 8am to 12noon on Saturday
	Tier 2: **Practices > 2000 SWPE** On average, the practice covers at least 15 hours per week of its after hours care from within the practice **Practices < 2000 SWPE** On average, the practice covers at least 10 hours per week of its after hours care from within the practice	$2.00 (per SWPE)	The practice must first qualify for Tier 1 This arrangement must be for all its patients This is in addition to 'Tier 1' payment
	Tier 3: The practice provides 24-hour care from within the practice	$2.00 (per SWPE)	**All** after hours care must be provided to **all** patients from within the practice. This is in **addition** to 'Tier 1&2' payments
Quality Prescribing	Practice participation in quality use of medicines programs, endorsed by The National Prescribing Service	$1.00 (per SWPE)	This incentive is to assist practices in keeping up to date with information on the quality use of medicines. Payment will only be made if the **practice** meets a minimum participation level, set at three activities per FTE GP per year Paid annually in May.
Teaching	Teaching of medical students	$100 per session	Payments are made to practices that host university medical student placements. Maximum2 sessions per day *(As per www.medicareaustralia.gov.ay/providers/incentives/allowances/pip)*
Practice Nurse	Practice employs or retains the services of a practice nurse or allied health worker.	$8 per SWPE (max $40,000 pa)	Payment to practices based on a minimum of two sessions per week or equivalent over payment quarter.
Indigenous Health Incentive	Supporting general practices to provide better health care for Indigenous Australians.	$1000 sign on payment $250 per patient	One off payment to join incentive. Must agree to: • seek consent to register their patients who are at risk of chronic disease • have a mechanism to follow up patients with chronic disease • GP and a staff member to complete cultural awareness training • Annotate PBS prescriptions for eligible patients