



Practice Incentives Program Procedural GP Payment

The Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Procedural GP Payment aims to encourage general practitioners in rural and remote areas to maintain local access to surgical, anaesthetic and obstetric services.

A procedural general practitioner provides non-referred services, normally in a hospital theatre, maternity care setting or appropriately equipped facility, which in urban areas are typically the province of a specific referral-based specialty. Procedural services are:

- Obstetric delivery.
- General anaesthetic, major regional blocks.
- Abdominal surgery, gynaecological surgery requiring general anaesthetic, endoscopy.

Note: Minor procedures, such as aspiration of a knee joint, do not fit the intent of this incentive.

Payments

There are four tiers of procedural payments (see table on page 2). The tiers are not cumulative and each individual general practitioner can only qualify for one tier per payment period.

A rural loading, which varies according to the location of the main practice, is automatically applied to the PIP Procedural GP Payment.

Practices must confirm/amend as part of the annual confirmation statement process, by 24 July each year, the activity tier met by each procedural GP for the preceding period 1 January to 30 June.

References

Medicare Benefits Schedule

<http://www.mbsonline.gov.au/internet/mbsonline/publishing.nsf/Content/Home>

Practice Incentives Program Guidelines

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/medicare/practice-incentives-program>

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See also

Practice Assist Fact Sheets and Resources:

- After-hours Incentive
- Asthma Incentive
- Cervical Screening Incentive
- Diabetes Incentive
- eHealth Incentive
- GP Aged Care Incentive
- Indigenous Health Incentive
- Quality Prescribing Initiative
- Rural Loading Incentive
- Teaching Payment
- Practice Nurse Incentive Program
- What is the Practice Incentives Program?
- Practice Incentives Program Overview

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Procedural General Practitioner Payment schedule

Procedural GP Payment:	Maximum amount claimable	Potential PIP income
<p>Tier 1</p> <p>A GP must provide at least one procedural service, as defined above, in the six-month reference period.</p>	\$1,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period	\$1,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period
<p>Tier 2</p> <p>Tier 1 requirements plus provide after-hours procedural services on a regular or rostered basis (15 hours per week on average, either on-call or on a roster) throughout the six-month reference period.</p>	\$2,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period	\$2,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period
<p>Tier 3</p> <p>Tier 2 requirements plus provide 25 or more eligible surgical and/or anaesthetic and/or obstetric services in the six-month reference period.</p>	\$5,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period	\$5,000 per procedural GP per six-month reference period
<p>Tier 4</p> <p>Tier 2 requirements plus deliver 10 or more babies in the six-month reference period. Where a sole GP in a community delivers less than 10 babies but meets the obstetric needs of the community, the practice may qualify for a Tier 4 payment.</p>	\$8,500 per procedural GP per six-month reference period	\$8,500 per procedural GP per six-month reference period