

PIP QI – FAQs No. 1 - September 2019

1. What is the PIP QI?

It is the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) Quality Improvement (QI) Incentive – a payment to General practices that participate in quality improvement with a focus on patient outcomes and the delivery of best practice care. It is a voluntary program and participating practices must be accredited under the RACGP standards.

2. What does a practice need to do participate in the PIP QI?

There are two components:

1. Participate in continuous quality improvement in partnership with their PHN
2. Provide the PIP eligible data set to their PHN on a quarterly basis

3. How much is the PIP QI payment?

The PIP QI Incentive provides a payment of \$5 per Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent (SWPE) per annum to a maximum of \$12,500 per quarter to accredited practices who meet the requirements of the program.

4. What are the 10 measures included in the PIP QI dataset?

Participating general practices commit to submitting nationally consistent, de-identified data from their clinical information system against ten key Improvement Measures that contribute to local, regional and national health outcomes. Further details of the 10 improvement measures is available in the [Practice Incentive payment Quality Improvement Measures](#).

5. What specific practice data goes to the Dept Health/Human Services?

None. Data only goes to the PHN and then they report whether practices have submitted data and are actively working on improvements in order for the Dept of Health to determine compliance with the PIP QI criteria.

6. Do we need patient consent to submit data?

No because the data is de-identified. However, it is good practice to have some information for your patients as to how you do look after and use their data, including de-identified data.

7. How do practices register for PIP QI?

Practices register through HPOS via their online PRODA account from 1st August, 2019.

8. If a practice is a ‘high-performing’ practice already using PenCS or Polar and already submit data to their PHN and work on practice improvements, what else do they need to do?

They will just need to register for PIP QI from 1 August via PRODA, continue sharing with the PHN and continue working on their own quality improvements relevant to their practice.

9. What if a practice already has high quality data? Will they be penalised?

No, they will not be penalised. The practice incentive payment amount will not be affected and the same formula will be applied to the calculation of payments to all participating practices. However they should continue to work with their PHN and focus on improvement goals that are relevant and beneficial to their area/practice.

10. What data will general practices submit to Primary Health Networks?

General practices must electronically submit the PIP Eligible Data Set to their local PHN each quarter. This is one of the key eligibility requirements to receive the PIP QI Incentive payment.

Further information on the PIP QI Incentive including eligibility requirements, reference period and data submission period is detailed in the [PIP QI Guidelines](#).

