

Practice Nurse
Incentive Program
(PNIP)

Resources



From January 2012, funding to assist in the employment of nurses will become available to all accredited general practices, Aboriginal Medical Services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

This change will enable:

- increased flexibility of the practice team
- greater recognition of the practice nurse role
- increased care coordination
- greater contribution to long term health of the population
- improved quality and safety in practices
- expanded and enhanced practice nurse roles
- increased access to care for patients
- improved safety and quality in practices.

The following resources have been developed to assist practices take advantage of the opportunities that the Practice Nurse Incentive Program creates for practices, practice nurses and patients.

PNIP guidelines

The guidelines clearly outline the application process, the payment schedule and the requirements that a practice must meet and maintain in order to receive the PNIP. These are available from:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pnip.jsp

Ready Reckoner

Medicare Australia provides a ready reckoner to assist practices to calculate an estimate of the funding available to them based on the practice location, the Standardised Whole Patient Equivalent value as well as the hours worked by nurses at the practice. This is an easy to use tool which allows you to insert your individual practice details. It will automatically calculate an estimate of the incentive available to your practice.

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/incentives/pnip/calculator.jsp

Booklet 'Creating opportunity'

This inspiring booklet outlines the advanced and expanded roles that nurses working in general practice can play. Examples of nursing practise that add value to the general practice are highlighted with testimonials from GPs, practice managers and practice nurses.

Electronic copies are available from www.apna.asn.au. Printed copies will be available from your local Division or Medicare Local.

DVD

A short DVD provides examples of practices that meet the needs of the patients by utilising the nursing staff in an innovative way. It provides the perspectives of GPs, nurses and practice managers. View the DVD at www.apna.asn.au

Business case tools and scenarios

This resource will assist each practice to calculate an estimate of the income that nurses generate both before the introduction of the PNIP and after. It will assist practices in understanding the financial implications of the change and help them make best use of the new funding stream. A copy of this resource can be obtained from www.apna.asn.au or www.agpn.com.au

PNIP workshops

AGPN will be providing the opportunity for all practice staff to attend a network meeting that will explain the new PNIP in detail. Contact your local Division of General Practice, Medicare Local or AGPN to find out about the workshop nearest to you.

www.generalpracticenursing.com.au/practice-nurse-incentive-program-pnip

These workshops are funded by the Australian Government.

Education and support

Orientation course

This online course 'Orientation for Nurses New to General Practice' is designed to assist nurses commencing employment in general practice. It is available from:

www.generalpracticenursing.com.au/education/orientation-program-for-nurses-new-to-general-practice

Nursing in General Practice Recruitment and Orientation Resource

This resource will assist practices with the process needed to employ, orientate and support a nurse in general practice.

www.generalpracticenursing.com.au/recruitment/nursing-in-general-practice-recruitment-and-orientation-resource2

Education and support

Online education

Several online modules and a webinar have been developed to assist nurses expand and enhance their roles. Topics include Scope of Practice and General Practice Financing. These will be available from APNA in the near future www.apna.asn.au

Medicare Australia

Application forms for the PNIP are available from Medicare Australia:

www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip

For more information on PNIP

Phone: 1800 222 032

Website: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/pnip

Email pnip@medicareaustralia.gov.au

Mail: Practice Nurse Incentive Program,
GPO Box 2572, Adelaide SA 5001

Fax: 1300 587 696

Other information

Australian General Practice Network (AGPN)

Phone: 02 6228 0800

Website: www.agpn.com.au

Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA)

Phone: 1300 303 184

Website: www.apna.asn.au

Australian General Practice Accreditation Ltd (AGPAL)

Phone: 1300 362 111

Website: www.agpal.com.au

GPA Accreditation plus

Phone: 1800 188 088

Website: www.gpa.net.au

