WIP-PS

Workforce Incentive Program- Practice Stream



Northern Territory PHN acknowledges the First Nations people of the Country on which we work and live, and we recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and skies. We pay our deepest respects to Elders present, emerging and across time.

What is WIP-PS

- **Workforce – supporting all practices**
- **Incentive – to utilise sustainable, quality models of multi-disciplinary team care**
- **Payment – incentive funding through Services Australia**
- **Practice – for accredited practices, who engage at least one Allied Health Professional**
- **Stream – aligned with the Strengthening Medicare reform initiative to meet the needs of people with chronic and complex health conditions**

KEY Aims of WIP-Practice Stream

- Assist GP practices to engage a range of Allied Health Professionals and optimise a multi-disciplinary team care approach.
- Complement and strengthen existing multidisciplinary care services
- Meet the complex needs of older people and chronic and complex health conditions
- Collaboration between PHN's and service providers to share learnings to improve quality of practice and health outcomes.

Who is Eligible for WIP-PS

Accredited General Practices

Aboriginal Medical Services

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

Who:

- Employ at least 1 Full -Time or Part- Time GP
- Engage at least 1 Allied Health professional

Ideally:

- Funding to assist with the employment of *a range* of Allied Health Professionals within the practice.

Eligibility Criteria- Allied Health Professionals



HOLD NATIONALLY ACCREDITED TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS



MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL SELF-REGULATING PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OR REGISTRATION WITH THEIR NATIONAL BOARD



MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY COVER

Eligible Allied Health Professionals

- Nurses
- Midwives
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Workers & Practitioners
- Audiologists
- Chiropractors
- Diabetes Educators
- Dietitians/Nutritionists
- Exercise Physiologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Orthoptists
- Orthotist/Prosthetist
- Osteopaths
- Paramedics
- Pharmacists (non-dispensing role)
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Speech Pathologists

Funding

The Australian Government invested a further $445.1 million over 5 years to increase the Workforce Incentive Program (WIP) – Practice Stream in the May 2023 federal budget.

Payments increased in July 2024, and indexation was applied August 2024.

Annual WIP-PS incentive amounts are based on SWPE (standardised whole patient equivalent) values.

The maximum incentive amount a single practice can receive is $32,500 per quarter or $130,000 per annum.

How to Apply for WIP-PS

A practice owner can apply at any time to join the WIP-PS

- Online through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) using a Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account.

OR

- By completing the Practice Incentives Application form (IP001) and forwarding to Services Australia with the required supporting documents.

WIP-PS Survey

Your feedback is essential in shaping future initiatives and ensuring practices receive the necessary resources to support multidisciplinary team care.

If you are a practice manager, business owner, or healthcare professional involved in workforce planning, we invite you to participate in this short survey.



Take the Survey

Click here to take the survey or scan the QR code.

Survey Closes May 31st 2025

Resources

For additional guidance and detailed program information, explore the following resources on the Department of Health and Aged Care website:

- Workforce Incentive Program - Practice Stream Guidelines
- Workforce Incentive Program - Practice Stream Reporting fact sheet
- Workforce Incentive Program - Practice Stream Fact Sheet
- Workforce Incentive Program - Practice Stream Frequently Asked Questions
- Practice Incentives Application Form

NT PHN are here to help...

Understand how practices currently use and access WIP-PS

Develop strategies and provide resources for practices using WIP-PS

Provide support for practices to access WIP-PS

We’re here to support you in making the most of WIP-PS and team-based care

Contact Us

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