

Teaching Incentive

Quality teaching is central to ensuring that the general practitioners (GPs) of tomorrow are appropriately trained and have experience in quality practice. Under the Teaching Incentive, payments are made to practices that host placements for university medical students.

A teaching payment of \$100.00 is made to practices for each three hour teaching session provided to an undergraduate medical student. The PIP Teaching Incentive payments are made quarterly after the placements have taken place.

For the purposes of the PIP, teaching sessions are eligible for payment if they meet the following criteria:

- the practice must participate in the PIP at the time the teaching sessions took place
- sessions must be a minimum of three hours duration
- sessions must be provided by a PIP practice GP
- the student must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate medical course, that is preparing them for entry into the Australian Medical profession, and that has been accredited by the Australian Medical Council
- the student must be enrolled in the course at an Australian university and be studying at an Australian campus
- the Australian university must be registered with Medicare Australia for the purposes of the PIP Teaching Incentive
- the teaching session must be part of the core curriculum for the student
- a practice GP must be responsible for the student's entire learning experience, including where a session occurs outside of the practice, such as when conducting a home visit, or a consultation in a hospital or aged care facility
- the supervising GP must not be remunerated through other Government-funded arrangements (Commonwealth and/or State or Territory) such as a salary for work in a Community Health Centre, or through Government-funded programs such as the John Flynn Placement Program
- A practice can claim a maximum of two sessions, per GP, per day
- sessions may involve more than one student, however a maximum of \$100 per session is claimable
- provide teaching sessions in accordance with the requirements described above
- submit a complete claim form to Medicare Australia by the due date.

The payments are made quarterly in retrospect (after placements have actually taken place).

This payment will not cover GP registrar placements or schemes such as the John Flynn Medical Program, which are remunerated under different arrangements.

The relevant university will send participating practices a claim form for the student/s they have hosted. The practice is to verify the form then forward it to Medicare Australia.

If your practice is interested in hosting placements, please contact your nearest medical school.

The teaching incentive is a claiming process and therefore is a retrospective payment. Whether a teaching session is claimable depends upon when the practice is approved for the PIP. As the claiming process involves collection, authorisation and processing of payments, practices cannot expect to receive payment until about six months after a placement takes place. For further clarification or for information on the cut off dates for claiming payment for eligible sessions please call the PIP enquiry line on **1800 222 032** or speak with your Practice Support Officer **9663 5958**.

