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Immunisation incentives business case studies

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Immunisation Incentive Payments

GPs and practices/clinics are eligible for the following three immunisation payments for administering age appropriate vaccines against the National Immunisation Program Schedule:

(1) ACIR Notification Payment

- Vaccine Service Providers receive a Notification Payment for providing immunisation information.
- The amount is agreed between each State and Territory Health Departments and the Commonwealth Government: Department of Health and Ageing.
- In Queensland, Vaccine Service Providers receive up to \$3.00 for each immunisation encounter that completes an age appropriate schedule.
- A further \$3.00 per encounter is provided to Queensland Health for administrative support, e.g. the VIVAS database.

(2) Service Incentive Payment (SIP)

- Only those GPs who are registered with the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) as Vaccine Service Providers are eligible to receive SIP.
- Their eligibility is an automatic process and does not require registration. This payment is paid monthly along with the ACIR Notification Payment.
- The SIP is an \$18.50 payment to individual GPs and other Medical Practitioners who notify the ACIR of a vaccination that completes an age appropriate immunisation schedule. The payment is made monthly in addition to the ACIR notification payment.
- SIP payments commenced July 1998.

(3) Outcome Payments

- This payment is only received if the practice/clinic is registered with the General Practice Immunisation Incentive (GPII) Program. If the practice/clinic is registered with the Practice Incentive Program (PIP) or Better Practice Program (BPP), it is automatically registered for the GPII Program.

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- The Outcomes Payment is intended for practices/clinics that have larger numbers of children in their patient populations. Practice/clinic population is determined by virtue of a child attending a practice/clinic for a non-referred Medicare consultation during a 12 month reference period. The GPII scheme has a threshold set at 10 Whole Patient Equivalents (WPEs).
- It is a tiered series of payments to registered practices/clinics that achieve certain percentage proportions of full immunisations. Payments commenced in August 1998 and are made every 3 months. The funds are electronically transferred into practice/clinic accounts and are practice/clinic payments. The payment is \$3.50 per Whole Patient Equivalent (WPE) children for above 90% fully immunised.

For further information about Immunisation Incentive Payments:

ACIR internet helpdesk: 1300 650 039
ACIR internet address: www.medicareaustralia.gov.au
ACIR email address: acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
ACIR general enquiries: 1800 653 809
GPII general enquiries: 1800 246 101
Medicare Australia eBusiness Service Centre: 1800 700 199

Case studies

Below are two examples of how much a practice/clinic could potentially earn with immunisation incentive payments.

Business Case Study 1 – Large Practice

A large General Practice is located in a suburban location with 312 Whole Patient Equivalent children under 7 years of age. The practice has 5 GPs who administer vaccinations to children under 7 years. The practice is registered for the GPII Program. The GPII Feedback Statement for the last quarter indicated that the practice's immunisation coverage rates are at 92.3%.

The practice reported that 16 children completed an age appropriate immunisation schedule and 42 immunisation encounters occurred over the last month.

- (1) How much could the practice earn for the quarter from the quarterly Outcome Payment and ACIR Notification Payment based on the information above?

A – Outcome Payment: $\$3.50 \times 312 = \$1,092.00$

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- (2) How much could the practice potentially earn from the ACIR Notification Payment for the month based on the information above?

A – ACIR Notification Payment: $\$3.00 \times 16 = \48.00

Business Case Study 2 – Solo Practice

A solo GP has a practice in a rural location with 88 Whole Patient Equivalent children under 7 years of age. The practice is registered for the GPII program. The GPII Feedback Statement for the last quarter indicated that the practice's immunisation coverage rates are 86.4%.

The practice reported that 4 children completed an age appropriate immunisation schedule and 12 immunisation encounters occurred over the last month.

- (1) How much could the practice earn from the quarterly Outcome Payment based on the information above?

A – Nil. The practice's coverage rate is less than 90%.

- (2) How much could the individual GP potentially earn from the Service Incentive Payment for the month based on the information above?

A – Service Incentive Payment: $\$18.50 \times 4 \text{ children} = \74.00

- (3) How much could the practice potentially earn from the ACIR Notification Payment for the month based on the information above?

A – ACIR Notification Payment: $\$3.00 \times 4 = \12.00

- (4) If the practice was to increase its coverage rate to above 90%, how much could the practice potentially earn for the quarterly Outcome Payment based on the same information above?

A – Outcome Payment: $\$3.50 \times 88 = \308.00

For further information or assistance, please contact your local Division of General Practice or Population Health Unit. For contact details, visit www.qdgp.org.au/vaccinemanagement.

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