

HealthLink Participates in the Practice Incentives Payments (PIP) for Australian GPs

The Department of Health and Aging announced on 13th February 2009, the latest eHealth Incentive under the Practice Incentives Program (PIP).

To be eligible for the PIP eHealth Incentive, GP practices must:

1. Have a Secure Messaging capability that complies with NEHTA specifications (required by 31 July 2009) ;
2. Have (or have applied for):
 - a. a Medicare Australia location/site Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate for the practice and each practice branch, (required by 30 April 2009) and
 - b. a Medicare Australia individual PKI certificate for each medical practitioner from the practice, (required by 30 April 2009) and
3. Provide practitioners from the practice with access to a range of key electronic clinical resources as detailed in DoHA's announcement, (required by 30 April 2009).

HealthLink has signed the Supplier Statement of Commitment and is participating in the consultative processes with NEHTA regarding the development and compliance with Secure Messaging specifications and standards. It is expected that HealthLink will be validated as an approved vendor.

HealthLink users are encouraged to check the following link www.nehta.gov.au/pip to view NEHTA's approved list of vendors/software.

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