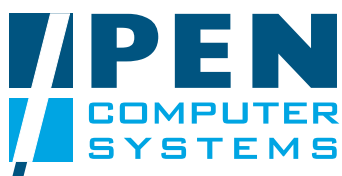


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PIP eHealth Incentive

Information for PCS Clients



PIP eHealth Incentive: You're ready with PCS

About the PIP eHealth Incentive

In March 2009, DoHA announced the PIP eHealth Incentive as a means to encourage practices to keep up to date with the latest developments in eHealth.

The incentive has been developed in consultation with the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), and aligns with the directions set out in the Australian Government's National eHealth Strategy.

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

1. Have secure messaging capability, which is provided by an eligible supplier;
2. Have (or have applied for) a location/site Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificate for the practice and each practice branch, and ensure that each medical practitioner from the practice has (or has applied for) an individual PKI certificate; and
3. Provide practitioners from the practice with access to a range of key electronic clinical resources.

The PIP eHealth Incentive and PCS Clients

By partnering with Pen Computer Systems (PCS), our clients are in an excellent position to take full advantage of the PIP eHealth Incentive payments.

Requirement 1 – Secure Messaging Capability

A number of PCS products are currently, or are being developed with secure messaging capability. These include:

- Project Ferret (3.9)
- Clinical Audit Tool (2.6)
- PrimaryCare Sidebar™ (1.1)
- CHOICE (2.0)
- Gemino (3.2)

Each of these products is listed on the 'Eligible Suppliers for Requirement 1 – Secure Messaging Capability' on the NEHTA website at www.nehta.gov.au/pip-vendors.

Requirement 2 – PKI Certificates for the Practice and each Practitioner

Practices

If you are already registered for HIC Online you are already registered for the PKI at practice level. If you are currently sending Medicare Claims electronically then you are already registered for HIC Online at the practice level. If your practice is NOT registered for HIC Online and you want to be PIP eHealth Incentive ready; complete the form at <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/register/files/ma-community-of-interest-registered-site-certificate-app.pdf>

Practitioners

Each Practitioner providing services within a practice must complete the Individual PKI Form which can be downloaded by clicking the link <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/business/online/register/files/application-pip-ehealth-incentive.pdf>

Requirement 3 – Access to Key Electronic Clinical Resources

There are three categories within this requirement and PCS has resources both in production and in development that we believe will go towards satisfying this PIP eHealth Incentive requirement.

Project Ferret Users

- Project Ferret clients using PenScript or DMS have access to the MIMS database through the software. For services which use a GP Clinical System for Prescribing/Dispensing - check with your GP Clinical System vendor.
- The latest Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) resources are available to Project Ferret clients via the PCS website.
- Project Ferret's built in care planning solution can be configured to make use of many guidelines. In fact the default installation for Project Ferret has the Redbook Guidelines as a basis for the well person's health plans.

General Practice Clients

PCS will be announcing details for a number of Clinical Decision Support Tools delivered through the new PrimaryCare Sidebar™ technology in the near future. These are being developed with the PIP eHealth Incentive in mind and we are confident that these will comply with requirement 3.

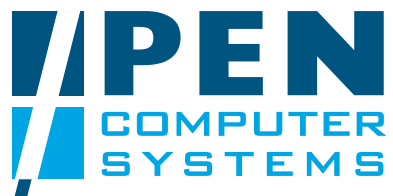
Further Information

Click here for general information about the PIP eHealth Incentive http://www.pencs.com.au/files/PIP_EHEALTH_GUIDELINES.pdf

PCS clients who would like further information and assistance with the PIP eHealth Incentive as it relates to our products may contact:

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