

## NEW PIP e-HEALTH INCENTIVE

As you may be aware The Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) has recently administered a new e-Health incentive for the Practice Incentives Program (PIP) through Medicare Australia.

This new e-Health incentive will replace the existing PIP Information Management/ Information Technology (IM/IT) incentive. The following information outlines what your practice needs to do. The new incentive will not affect your current accreditation status.

### What does your practice need to do?

As noted in the e-Health incentive letter your practice should have received from the DoHA, the PIP e-Health incentive has three parts:

1. **Secure messaging** – which allows patient clinical and medical information to be securely exchanged but must be provided by an eligible supplier;
2. **Location/site Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)** – this is a mixture of policies, procedures and technology that allows health providers to transfer information between computers securely; and
3. **Access to key electronic clinical resources** for practitioners.

In order to access payments from the e-Health incentive your practice must participate in PIP and meet all three parts of the new incentive. Part 2 and 3 must be met by 30 April 2009. However, practices will be given until 31 July 2009 to meet part 1, as suppliers may need to confirm their eligibility.

Once again, it's important to note if your practice is not eligible to receive the new e-Health incentive, this will not affect your accreditation status.

### Who to contact

For more information on the new e-Health incentive contact PIP on ☎ 1800 222 032 or [pip@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:pip@medicareaustralia.gov.au).

For more information on eligible suppliers contact the National E-Health Transition Authority on ☎ 1300 901 001 or [pip@nehta.gov.au](mailto:pip@nehta.gov.au).

Your accreditation body may also be able to assist you with simple recommendations to your e-Health requirements for PIP.

**For detailed information and various useful links visit the AGPN Website at** <http://www.agpn.com.au/site/index.cfm?display=43917>