



General Practice Resources

JULY 2019

Digital Health

Current ePIP Quarter closes 31st July 2019

The current ePIP quarter closes midnight, 31 July 2019. You can track how many Shared Health Summaries your practice has uploaded using the Pen CAT, or most clinical software packages also have their own Shared Health Summary reporting tool. If your practice will not meet its uploads obligation for this quarter the recommendation is to log on to PRODA / HPOS prior to midnight on 31st July and withdraw your practice from this current ePIP quarter - otherwise your practice will automatically be paid, but you will then need to repay the payment later when the compliance section does the maths.

NOTE: It may pay to check your practice's SWPE on your last PIP Statement! Your Shared Health Summary upload quota for the ePIP quarter is 0.5% of your previous quarter's SWPE. Some practices have been caught short through not realising that their SWPE has increased and they have not complied with 0.5% rule.

Argus Resources

We have some updated Argus resources on our website. Including Argus packages for [Best Practice and Medical Director](#).

Just a reminder to Practice Manager, if you have had any changes in staff over the past 6 months please make sure you update the new GP & delete the old GP off the Argus address book, by contacting the helpdesk at Argus on 1800 952 282

HealthLink - Oculo Optometrist SmartForm

A new national HealthLink SmartForm is available to all Best Practice, Genie, Medical Director and Medtech Evolution General Practice Sites in your region. Through HealthLink, the Oculo Optometrist SmartForm referral allows the GP to easily locate and refer to an optometrist within close proximity to patient to enhance your patient's access to eye care for regular vision check-ups. The SmartForm has been specifically designed to help those patients with diabetes or other potential eye conditions get their recommended eye examinations, and help doctors improve the diagnosis rates of glaucoma across Australia. Where appropriate, the return of any correspondence from the Optometrist will flow securely to the referring doctor via the HealthLink network, directly into

the review section of the General Practice doctor's preferred clinical records system removing the need for paper, scanning, faxing and filing.

Partnering with HealthLink to deliver these SmartForms direct to Optometrists, Oculo is the technology partner of KeepSight, the government-backed, national eye screening program to prevent diabetes-related blindness by detecting problems early when they are treatable. Oculo is a cloud-based clinical communication platform facilitating secure, instant transfer of clinical imaging, referrals, eye reports, and other correspondence between health care professionals.

We have attached three quick start guides on how to use the optometry referral within each compliant clinical records system ([Best Practice](#), [Genie](#), and [Medical Director](#)).

Any questions regarding these please contact Healthlink on 1300 145 465

Webinar

Clinical Documents in MyHR explained

The Agency will be holding the following national webinar for all healthcare providers, 'Clinical Documents in My Health Record explained'.

This webinar will provide insights into the types of provider clinical documents that can be found in an individual's My Health Record, highlighting the origins and accessibility to different document types as well as clarifying common ambiguities. Areas covered include:

- Shared Health Summaries vs Event Summaries
- Prescription and Dispense Records vs Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines
- Medicines Information View- Pharmaceutical Shared Medicines List (PSML)
- Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging
- Specialist Letters
- eReferrals
- Medicare Documents
- Advance Care Plan and Advance Care Document Custodian

Webinar - 'Clinical Documents in MyHR explained' Details:

- Date & Time: 1.00 - 2.00pm (AEST time) on Thursday 18th July 2019
- Presenter: Australian Digital Health Agency
- Where: Online (join via your computer - register beforehand. Registrations close 24 hours prior to the event)

Registration link: <https://login.redbackconferencing.com.au/landers/page/72e3a5>

Immunsations

AIR via PRODA

The DHS has just released information on the changes around access to the AIR. Please see [attached](#), the summary sent by NCIRS is:

- Those who can access AIR via PRODA should start doing that now (this includes medical practitioners (GPs), nurse practitioners and midwives). The authentication file method will be switched off on 31 August 2019 for these providers.
- Other ancillary providers (that includes PHNs, PHUs, hospital, practices etc) will have longer to switch to PRODA with a rollout happening between January and June 2020 for these ancillary providers.
- Practices can request a practice login before 30 September to continue to access the AIR using a practice authentication filename. After this date, they will be accessing it via PRODA.

Additional notes from DHS

The practice of sharing authentication files does not meet legislative requirements under the Privacy Act 1988 or the AIR Act 2015.

General practices should already be registering as a 'general practice' AIR provider type using the IM004 form available on the DHS website (www.humanservices.gov.au/hpforms). This is an existing process.

Providers/practices that register as an AIR provider from 1 October 2019 will go straight to using PRODA, as DHS will not be issuing any new authentication files. Providers/practices that register as an AIR provider beforehand will receive an authentication file, which they can keep using to access the AIR site until their provider type is transitioned to PRODA.

The roll out to PRODA will occur from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020. [Practices will commence receiving information from DHS.](#)

Middle East respiratory syndrome and the Hajj (August 9 to August 14)

Approximately 3000 Australians travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia each year for the annual Islamic pilgrimage (Hajj). The Kingdom is experiencing an ongoing outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), associated with infections in healthcare facilities and exposure to camels and camel products.

The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health also has specific vaccination requirements for Hajj pilgrims, which can be found on the [World Health Organization website](#).

A MERS information card has been produced to assist travellers before and after travel. The card can be downloaded from the [Department of Health website](#). Hard copies are available in multiple languages and can be obtained by emailing humanbiosecurity@health.gov.au. The Department of Health also maintains MERS information for health professionals on its [website](#).

What's On

01 July – 31 July	Dry July	https://www.dryjuly.com/
01 July – 31 July	julEYE	https://ranzco.edu/#JulEYE
07 – 14 July	Naidoc Week	https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/naidoc-week
13 - 20 July	National Diabetes Week	Diabetes Australia
15 July – 21 July	Wound Awareness Week	http://www.woundaware.com.au/
22 July – 28 July	National Pain Week	http://www.nationalpainweek.org.au/
26 Jul – 28 Jul	White Ribbon Night	https://www.whiteribbon.org.au/night/
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	https://www.worldhepatitisday.org.au/
28 July – 4 August	DonateLife Week	Organ and Tissue Authority

Events and Training

Upcoming events organised or supported by WNSW PHN include:

Mudgee Medico Masterclass - Hypertension: Such an exciting topic it elevates my blood pressure! - July 25, Mudgee

Practice Nurse Education and Information Session - Facilitation of nursing students within general practice - July 31, Dubbo

GP Education Day - August 3, Orange

Promoting Participation in the National Cervical Screening Program to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Women - August 12, Wentworth

Asthma and Spirometry Update for Aboriginal Health Workers - August 16, Dubbo

Otitis Media Management Program - August 19, Dubbo

Course in Tympanometry - September 10, Dubbo

Spirometry training course - October 18, Dubbo

If you require any Practice Support & Improvement Officer (Brooke, Allie, Natalie, Fallon, Sue or Therese), please contact our Team on 1300 699 167

